

RESOLUTIONS

Time to make some changes

The Lake County Journals offers a guide to the top-15 New Year's resolutions for 2008. Along with a top-15 list, readers also can get more in-depth information about the top-10 resolutions.

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Seven things to do in and around Lake County:

Here comes the bride Friday and Saturday

A Bridal Showcase will take place at Naper Settlement in 😑 Naperville. Info: 630-420-6010

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Winter wonderland Sunday

Volo Bog's WinterFest will be at Volo Bog State Natural Area in Ingleside. Info: 815-344-1294

Making changes

Jan. 17

A program about Lake 🤟 County's past and future will be at Libertyville Civic Center. Info: 847-223-5322

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Candace H. Johnson - winews@nwnewsgroup.com

Patty Jones, of Lake Villa, wears her 2008 glasses and party hat while she celebrates taking the Polar Bear Plunge New Year's Day at Waukegan Municipal Beach. For more photos, see PAGE 3A.

Waukegan loves to learn

Library starts construction on new Early Learning Center

> By YADIRA SANCHEZ OLSON ysanchez@nwnewsgroup.com

WAUKEGAN - Children and parents will soon have a brand new place to spend their time.

It will be free and education will be the main

It will be open every day of the week and all summer long.

It is the new Early Learning Center that began construction Jan. 7 at the Waukegan Public Library, 128 N. County St.

"There is currently nothing like this in Waukegan," said Richard Lee, executive director of the library.

The center will be geared toward children up to 7 years old. The idea behind the center is to expose the children to preschool learning materials and concepts.

"We saw test scores from the recent United Way [Kindergarten Readiness Assessment] program and they were shocking to us; that made it clear to us that this is what we needed to do," said Elizabeth Stearns, assistant director of community services.

The library is partnering with Waukegan School District 60 to make sure that educational standards are met. And the district will share its curriculum with the learning center.

'If a child is enrolled in preschool then the education will be reinforced here," Stearns said. "If the child is not in preschool then the exposure will be similar to the one in preschool."

Stearns said children who are not ready for kindergarten when they are enrolled are already behind and catching up is very hard. "The board and I believe that getting kids ready

for school is important and if we help them they can become more productive citizens," said Lee. The center is scheduled to open its doors in

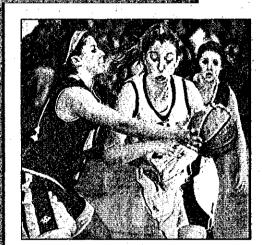
September 2008. All the areas are planned to be designed to meet Illinois and federal guidelines for educational stan-

Stearns said the center also will provide a bilingual approach to all the pre-literacy skills the chil-

dren need. Funding for the center will come from a combination of public and private funds with only a minimum of tax dollars spent.

"Many people and companies have already begun to donate," Lee said.

For more information call the library at 847-623-Web 2041or visit its www.waukeganpl.org/friends/elc.html.



>> PrepSports

Two ends of the spectrum

What do oft-champion Warren and oftdowntrodden Lakes girls teams have in common? More than you might think. PAGE 7B

Time to commit.

Grayslake Central baseballer, Carmel girls basketballer both commit to their colleges: PAGE 8B

>> Can'tMiss

Boys Basketball

Antioch at Lakes, 7:30 p.m., Friday, Jan.

Girls Gymnastics Warren at Lakes, 6 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 16

>> SideLines ·

That New Year's weight resolution might be the last thing on your mind, but sports editor Daniel J. Patrick says you should keep it high on your list. PAGE 7B.

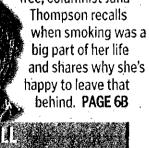
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>> On The Cover

Ready for the rain? Lake County residents can look forward to the puddles ahead, thanks to a rain barrel program that helps residents conserve water and save money. PAGE 1B

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Now that Illinois is smoke free, columnist Jana Thompson recalls



This week's question

Do you plan to vote in the Illinois

- primary? A) Yes, it's important.
- B) No. I don't care.
- C) When is that again?

Vote at LakeCountyJournals.com

Last week's question

Do you make New Year's resolutions? • No, they are never carried out anyway. (69 percent)

• Yes, it's a good way to set goals. (31 percent)

IN MOTION :

A bubble magician shows off his skills, pro wrestlers take to the mat and high school athletes

compete throughout the county. Check out photos from



these events and more in our Week in Photos by clicking on the multimedia link at LakeCountyJournals.com.

WEEKEND OUTLOOK

FRIDAY, JAN. 11



HIGH: 34 **LOW: 26**

SATURDAY, JAN. 12



HIGH: 34 LOW: 25

SUNDAY, JAN. 13



HIGH: 33 LOW: 25

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>> QuoteOfTheWeek

"For me, I've never been involved in movies at all. This is my first everything." -Jerry Johnson, executive producer of "The Chauffeur." The independent film was produced by Antioch residents Jerry and his wife, Megan, along with Kevin and Christa Burris, Megan's brother and sister-in-law. (see story on 4A)

>> NewsYouNeed

This week's top local stories:

- Waukegan Public Library recently began construction on an Early Learning Center. 1A
- An Antioch couple will have their independent film premiere at Gurnee Marcus Cinema. 4A
- Gurnee Village Board recently approved implementing a new emergency alert system. 4A

>> Editor's Choice

Still seeking candidates for special honor

A few weeks ago, I offered readers. an opportunity to nominate people in their communities for the Lake County Journals' annual ForeFronts special section.

Some readers have already responded with outstanding individuals who have made an impact in Lake

But we're still looking for a few more.

Each year, ForeFronts recognizes people in our coverage area who have made a positive difference, be it through grass roots organizing or political connections.



Matt Pera

This is the first year that we have requested nominations from readers. The thinking is that those who live in the villages and cities we cover have the best idea of who deserves recog-

So if you know of someone who is

working hard to make your community a better place and think they deserve accolades for their efforts, send us an e-mail at forefronts@lakecountyjournals.com, or e-mail me at mpera@nwnewsgroup.com.

Tell us who your nominee is, why they have made a difference in your life and the lives of others in your community and, if you have it, include an e-mail address or phone number for that person.

Nominees who we choose will get a feature story by one of our reporters in the ForeFronts section that comes out in February.

They also will be honored at our annual ForeFronts Breakfast in Grayslake.

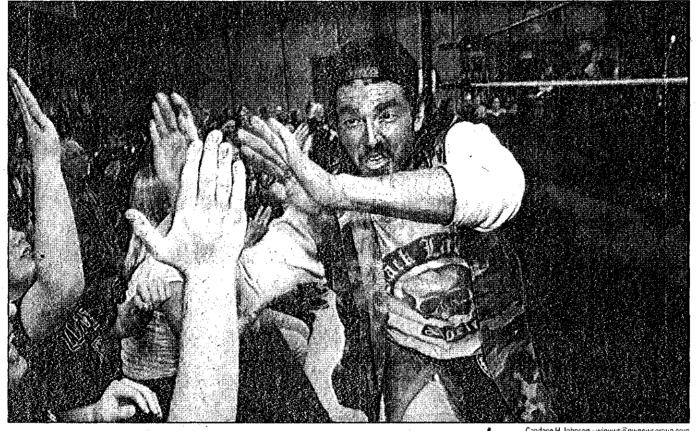
ForeFronts has become a well-respected local tradition in Lake County since it was introduced more than a decade ago.

It is important to us that we recognize deserving individuals every year, and we need your help to find them.

Thanks for reading the Journals, in print and online.

· Matt Pera is the news editor for the Lake County Journals.

Let's get ready to rumble



Regional wrestling champion Chris Cairo "The Lost Soul," of lower Wacker Drive in Chicago, greets his fans before his pro wrestling match

>> InBrief **Daddy Daughter Hollywood Glamour**

Lights, Camera, Action ... Daughters will get a chance to walk the red carpet as you step into a night of glitz and glamour at Daddy Daughter Hollywood Glamour. The event will be from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 9 at BJ Hooper Elementary School. Cost is \$40 couples that are residents and \$50 for couples that are non-residents. Contact the Lindenhurst Park District for more information at 847-356-6011.

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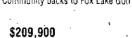
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Gregg Stockey of Ingleside

I grew up in: Harvey

My pets: Walleye, a large lab mix dog

My family members: My wife, Bonnie, and my son, Matt, 19

and my son, watt,

Occupation: Associate director/program manager of The Bridge Youth and Family Services in Palatine

I graduated from: Thornton High School in Harvey and earned my bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology from Illinois State University

Hobbies: Fishing, nature photography, paddle sports and writing

> Last movie I saw: "The Nanny Diaries"

My favorite band or music: Steve Goodinan

Last book i've read: Lam reading the autobiography of James Henshall, the father of bass

fishing in America. Favorite restaurant:

Johnny's Chophouse in Antioch

Favorite meal:

Probably a good steak or fish fry

. **Dream job:** I have had a dream job at The Bridge for 15 years, but I would like the life of a

full-time writer.

Dream car:

A new pickup truck with a boat and trailer attached

My dream vacation would be:

 If you have a "Neighbor" whom we should profile in this column, call the Lake County Journals at 847-223-8161, or e-mail antioch@weeklyjournals.com or lakevilla@weeklyjournals.com.



Above: Carl Geberbauer (left), of Oakbrook, celebrates New Year's Day with his 2008 glasses and party hat as he takes the Polar Bear Plunge at Waukegan Municipal Beach.

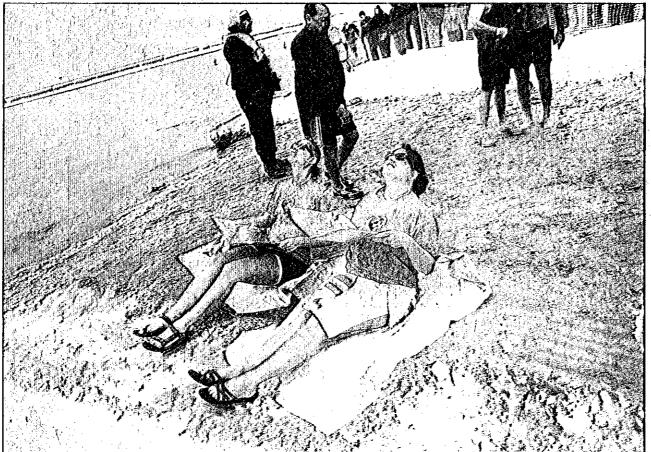
Right: Katrina Dinicola and Jenny Moore, both of Waukegan, run out of the water after taking the Polar Bear Plunge at Waukegan Municipal Beach.



Take a winter dip

Lake County residents show their

support at 2008 Polar Bear Plunge



Jen Thomlison and Debbie Robinson, X-ray technicians at Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, soak up some sun before the start of the ninth annual Polar Bear Plunge at Waukegan Municipal Beach. Proceeds from the event benefit the Special Recreation Services of Northern Lake County Waukegan.

Photos by Candace H. Johnson - winews@nwnewsgroup.com

>> Our fown



Steve Peterson

Make your vote count

Fox Lake District Library, 255 E. Grand Ave., will offer several chances for the public to learn about its referendum on the Feb. 5 ballot.

The library hopes to gain voter approval for expansion. An open house will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20. Residents can talk to library board members and staff, meet the architects and see a model and drawings of the proposed facility.

Question and answer sessions also will take place from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Jan. 12, 19 and 26 at the library with head librarian Harry Bork.

For information, call the library at 847-587-0198.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9655 will host a Las Vegas Night from 6:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Jan. 11, at Americ egion Post 703, 708 N. Route and Fox Lake. The event is open to the public. Proceeds will support hospitalized veteran and community service programs.

Round Lake Beach is supporting a local organization with funding.

Mano-A-Mano won a \$30,000, twoyear contribution from village trustees. The funds will be distributed in two payments of \$15,000 each. Village Board President Rich Hill said he approves of the donation. The programs benefit the whole community, he said.

Don't forget to attend **Volo Bog's WinterFest** from noon to 4 p.m. Jan.
13. Volo Bog is off Brandenburg
Road, in Ingleside.

 If you have interesting information or anecdotes to submit for "Our Town," e-mail reporter Steve Peterson at speterson@nwnewsgroup.com.



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(From left) Antioch residents Jerry and Megan Johnson, executive producers of the movie "The Chauffeur." and Bennie Woodell, director of the film, sit with merchandise from "The Chauffeur" at Gurnee Marcus

>> Antioch

A successful drive

Cinema, The movie will premiere at 11 p.m. Jan. 11 at the Gurnee theater.

Antioch couple's film to premiere in Gurnee

By DANI SCHWEIGERT dschweigert@nwnewsgroup.com

GURNEE - "if you believe it, you can achieve it" isn't just a saying – Jerry Johnson is living proof it's a motto to live

A few years ago, Jerry, of Antioch, began working on details for a movie he wanted to make. Although the plot of the horror film - about a vacation gone wrong, due to a creepy chauffeur - is what moviegoers will see, an equally interesting story lies behind the scenes in how Jerry, 36, came up with the idea.

"It all started when my wife literally had a dream one night," he said. "She woke me up in the middle of the night, and then she started telling me about this dream she had about this crazy guy who picked her up in a limo, and these people were trying to get in this limo. So when I woke up in the morning, I go, 'You know, that would be kind of a good movie.'"

Jerry couldn't let go of the story. One night, while staying at a Ramada Inn, he grabbed a notepad and began jotting down ideas for the movie with brother-in-law, Kevin Burris.

Jerry never could have guessed that those early scribbles would lead him to where he is now - debuting his first feature-length, independent film.

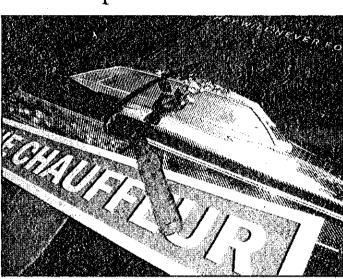
The movie, called "The Chauffeur," will premiere at 11 p.m. Jan. 11 in two theaters at

Gurnee Marcus Cinema. The world of film is new to Jerry and his wife, Megan, as Jerry owns a telecommunications/management company, and Megan does bookkeeping for the company.

"For me, I've never been involved in movies at all," Jerry said. "This is my first everything."

Getting to this point wasn't easy, Jerry said. After writing a preliminary outline, he contacted directors, but always seemed to get the same reply: "Send me a screenplay or a script." Then Megan, 34, met director Bennie Woodell, of Antioch.

"She told me, He makes movies, and he went to film school," Jerry said. "I go, 'It's too coincidental. This guy was probably just hitting on you. There's no way he makes



Pictured is merchandise from "The Chauffeur," a feature-length, independent film produced by Jerry and Megan Johnson, of Antioch.

Premiere night

What: Premiere of "The Chauffeur" When: Screening at 11 p.m. on Jan 11; pre-party at 7:30 p.m; at The Brick House in Antioch; post-party planned at The Brick House after the screening.

Where: Gurnee Marcus Cinema, 6144 Grand Ave., Gurnee Merchandise: Hats, T-shirts, DVDs and chauffeur hats for sale at premiere More Info: Gurnee Marcus

Cinema, 847-855-9940, or at www.thechauffeurmovie.com

movies.' It was like fate, the way everything came to-

Jerry and Woodell went to work on the film, taking Jerry's ideas and turning them into a screenplay. They kept the movie local by filming in various places around County, including Lehmann Mansion in Lake Villa, a house in Antioch, an office in Waukegan, and vari-

ous county roads. "My original story was more of a thriller," Jerry said. "My visions at first were no blood, just kind of a thriller. And [Woodell], as smart as he is, came in and said: 'Jerry, horror movies sell. Blood sells.'

Woodell was right; the film's premiere has sold out with 550 tickets. And, Jerry said, Blockbuster and Netfilx have expressed interest in the movie. He also plans to enter the movie in film festivals. Although "The Chauffeur" is seeing success, it didn't happen without some bumps in the road, Woodell said.

"The Chauffeur"

What: A feature-length (68 minutes), independent movie Cost: The movie cost \$19,000 to make. Funding came from investors and executive producers Jerry and Megan Johnson. Executive producers: Jerry and Megan Johnson and Kevin and Christa Burris (Megan's brother and sister-in-law) Director: Bennie Woodell

"I had to rewrite the script on set about an hour before we'd shoot something," he said. "I got all my special effects ... and they didn't send me a foot. I needed a foot. I had to walk away from everything and restructure the whole script."

Rewrites or not, Jerry said, those who love horror will love the film."

"It's a B horror movie," he said. "A true horror fan will appreciate [it].'

Megan also is proud of how everything turned out.

"It's definitely crazy," she said. "I never thought it would end up like this. I thought it was just kind of a dream. I mean, it was a funny story, and we talked about it several times, but I just didn't really think he'd go this far with it."

Jerry said a lot of people didn't believe him when he said he was going to make a movie, and he's glad to prove them wrong,

"It's cool to go back to the people who doubted me," he said. "My wife calls me a big dreamer. I always shoot for the moon, and if I hit a star, I hit a star."

>> LibraryDigest

LAKE VILLA DISTRICT LIBRARY

Friends of LVDL Storage Overstock Sale

A sale of books and audio-visual items will take place at the library. The sale will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 25 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 26 in Meeting Room A.

YOUTH PROGRAMS How about a story

Storyteller Denise Berry-Hanna returns to tickle listeners ears with a funny, delightful and

heartwarming collection of traditional folk tales and original favorites. Berry-Hanna will be at the library from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Jan. 11 in Meeting Rooms A and B. There are a limited number of tickets. Attendees must 2 years old or older. Visit www.lvdl.org to register.

Novel Thoughts

Readers in grades fourth and older can join the library for a discussion and debate on the children's book "People of Sparks" by Jean DuPrau. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk

under the program name. The discussion will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Jan. 16 in the Conference

Write Stuff Author Reception A launch party for the first issue of The Write Stuff literary magazine will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Jan. 30 in Meeting Rooms A and B. All kids who contributed to the magazine and their families are may attend, along with any Write Stuff workshop participants and their families. Call the library at the Youth Services desk to regis-

ter.

>> Gurnee

Residents, village get connected

Gurnee Village Board approves use of new emergency service

By YADIRA SANCHEZ OLSON

ysanchez@nwnewsgroup.com

GURNEE - Picture how much easier life might be if you knew there was a dangerous traffic situation in your area before you left home. Or how much better your day might be if you found out a water main broke at your child's school before you drove there.

If you are a Gurnee resident or business owner, you can now get that information delivered to you in a matter of minutes.

Early last month, the Village Board approved a new service called Connect CTY. The service consists of a large database of phone numbers that are called if there is an emergency and information needs to be dispersed.

"This is a very efficient piece of technology for us," said Kristina Kovarik, Gurnee Village Board President. "If a child goes missing, or there are significant road closures in the area, thousands of phone calls will be made within 20 minutes.

Kovarik said this is a very helpful service because, when emergencies happen, it is expensive to make the information known to residents when officials are on foot going door

The service was tested for the first time Dec. 21. Residents who did not receive a phone call are not in the database.

Gurnee residents who want to be added to the database or add a second phone number can do so by picking up a form at Village Hall, 325 N. O'Plaine Road. Another way to register is by going to www.gurnee.il.us and clicking on the Connect CTY icon.

Pat Muetz, assistant to the village administrator, said there are about 12,000 numbers in

Connect CTY Service

The system has the ability to contact thousands of residents and businesses in minutes.

The system can warn people about various emergencies, including road conditions, missing children and severe weather warnings and updates.

Gurnee Village Board President Kristina Kovarik said the system is not meant to replace other existing warning systems, but to supplement them.

"This would not not be used in case of a tornado; the siren would still go off in that case," she said. But afterward, [Connect CTY] would be used to inform residents of what steps to take."

the database.

"But that number increases consistently because every day more people sign up either. through our Web site or they fill out the hard copy," he said.

According to the village's Web site, personal information and phone numbers in this village-to-resident system can only be accessed by authorized officials.

When an emergency occurs, officials record a voice message that is then delivered to phone numbers in the notification data-

The system has been used once since the test date and. Muetz said, the results were sat-

"The day after Christmas, the service was used internally," he said. "The heat was not working in the building we were having a meeting at and because everyone was notified, most people dressed warm and were pre-

>> PoliceBeat

People named here have only been charged with these crimes, not convicted. Information in Police Beat comes from local police records.

ISLAND LAKE

Retail theft

Report of drive-off without paying for fuel, 200 block of east State Road 176, Jan. 2.

Property damage

Report of criminal damage to property, 100 block of east State Road 176, Jan. 2.

GRAYSLAKE

Timothy J. Holleman, 27, 920 Shady Way, Arlington Heights, driving under the influence, Dec. 22.

Heidi L. Ebersole, 20, 827 W. Happfield Drive, Arlington Heights, driving under the influence, improper lane use, obstructing a peace officer, Dec.

Suspended/revoked license Rosario E. Morales, 29, 1010

N. Fairfield, Round Lake Park, driving with a revoked license, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, Jan. 6.

Aaron J. Baczynski, 22, 542 N. Carol Lane, Grayslake, driving with a suspended license, driving without proof of insurance, Dec. 28.

John A. Paulsen, 60, 435 N. Jackson St., Waukegan, driving with a revoked license, driving without insurance, driving without valid registration, Dec.



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Alcoholic's Anonymous meetings. Several meetings

throughout Lake County on a daily basis, Call 847-362-1811 or visit www.district10nia.org for meeting information. • Domestic Violence Victim

support groups. Several held throughout Lake County, Call A Safe Place at 847-249-4450; TTY at 847-249-6557; or visit www.asafeplaceforhelp.org.

ANTIOCH · Antioch Park Board meeting.

7 p.m., third Wednesdays. Municipal Building, 874 Main St. For more information, call 847-395-1000.

 Antioch Community High School Board meeting. 7:30 p.m., third Thursdays.

 Bingo. 12:45 p.m., Mondays. The Senior Center, Call 847-395-0139 for details.

• Bingo. 6:45 p.m., Tuesdays. Antioch VFW. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Call 847-395-5393 for more in-

formation. • Pinochle. 12:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays. The Senior Center. Call 847-395-0139 for details.

• Lake County Community **Health Partnership** Immunization Clinic. 4-6 p.m., third Wednesdays. VFW Post 4551. 75 North Ave. \$10/shot. Call 847-377-8470 for details.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting. 6 p.m., Wednesdays. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting. The Senior Center, 817 Holbek Drive. Call Dorothy at 847-395-7407 or Betty at 847-838-3907 for more information.

• Kiwanis Club of Antioch meeting. Noon, Tuesdays. Petrucci's Italian Market & Cafe, 311 Depot St. The public is welcome to join and share experience, knowledge and service project ideas. Contact Melissa at 847-489-8044, e-mail at mjrigoni@hotmail.com, or Larry Mondie at 847-650-9530, email at brscoops@aol.com for more

information. Antioch Township Republican Club meeting. 7 p.m., third Wednesdays, Antioch Township offices. Call Brent Bluthardt at 847-838-0212 for more information.

 Northern Illinois Conservation Club Board meeting. 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 14. Clubhouse, one-half mile south of Route 173 on east side of Route 83. For more information, call 847-395-NICC or visit www.lakeonline.com/nicc.

• Lake County Spinner's Guild meeting. 10 a.m., third Thursdays. Call Chris at 847-840-6464 for details.

• Lakes Area Community Band rehearsal. 7-9 p.m., Mondays. Antioch Community High School band room. Area musicians high school age and older are welcome to join. No auditions. Call Debbie Davis at 847-395-0272 to learn

• Open gym. 7-9 p.m., Sundays. Antioch Community High School. \$2. Adults only.

BEACH PARK Board of Education meeting. 6:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 14. Kenneth

Murphy School, 11315 W. Wadsworth Road. For more information, call 847-599-5052.

CRYSTAL LAKE • "Birthday Bash" Fox Valley Chapter of USA Dance dance. 7-11 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 19. Sage Gallery, Lakeside Legacy Arts Park, 401 Country Club Road. There will be free snacks, prizes and suprises. A variety of ballroom dance music will be played by DJ Dr. Rod. The dress code is dressy casual, no gym shoes or blue jeans. Admission is \$8 per person for members and \$12 per person for non-members. For more information, call 847-639-

• Crystal Lake Toastmasters Club meeting. 8-10 a.m., first and third Saturdays at Amcore Bank

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Building, Route. 14 and Pingree Road. Develop your presentation and leadership skills. For information, call Steve at 847-526-1525 or visit http://user.mc.net/~toast1.

FOX LAKE

. Open House on the proposed Fox Lake Library Project. 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 10. Fox Lake District Library, 255 E. Grand Ave. Representatives of the library, project architects and financial consultant will be available, as will drawings and a model. For more Road, Live music, photo contest, information, call 847-587-0198.

• Las Vegas Night. 6,30 p.m.midnight, Friday, Jan. 11. American Legion Post 703, 703 N. Hwy. 12. Admission is \$2. Proceeds help support both hospitalized veterans and community service programs. Food and drink service will be available. For more information, call 847-587-

• Bingo. 6:45 p.m., Thursdays. American Legion Auxiliary Post 703, 703 N. Route. 12, Call 847-587-2323 for information.

• Bingo. 1 p.m., Sundays. American Legion Auxiliary Post 703, 703 N. Route 12. Call 847-587-2323 for information.

• Bingo. 7 p.m., Saturdays. Fox Lake Volunteer Fire Department, 114 Washington St. • Take Off Pounds Sensibly

support group meeting, 6:15. p.m., Tuesdays. Fox Lake Community Center, South St. Call Jan at 847-587-2727 for information.

• Lakeland Cardinals Coach and Football/Cheerleading Parents meeting, 7:30 p.m., third Wednesdays at Harris Bank, 1310 Route 12. For more information, call Dennis Whiton at 847-587-0070 or visit www.lakelandcardinals.com.

GRAYSLAKE Callipygian Players Early Music concert, "French

Flavors." 4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 13. Byron Colby Barn, 1561 Jones Point Road. Admission is \$15, with children under 16 free. To order tickets or for more information, call 847-543-1202.

GURNEE

 Network Lake County meeting. 8-9 a.m., Thursdays, A business networking group meeting in Gurnee. Call Boyce Buckner at 847-838-0058 to learn more.

 Lake County Chamber of Commerce networkers group meeting. 7:30 a.m., first and third Fridays, In-Laws Restaurant, 720 N. Milwaukee Ave. Call 847-249-3800 for information.

 LeTip Networking Group meeting. 7:01-8:31 a.m., Wednesdays. In-Laws Restaurant, 720 N. Milwaukee Ave. Local business owners promote their businesses and exchange leads. Guests

are free. For more information, call

Dennis Dean at 847-231-3009. • Gurnee Jaycees, Gurnee/ Lindenhurst chapter, meeting. 7:30 p.m., third Wednesdays, In-Laws Restaurant, 720 N. Milwaukee Ave. Visit www.gurneejaycees.org or write to Jaycees, P.O. Box 465,

Gurnee, IL 60031 for more details. • Daniel Wright Toastmasters Club meeting. 7-9 p.m., first and third Tuesdays. In-Laws Restaurant, 720 Milwaukee Ave. Members meet to develop communication and leadership skills. For more information, call Sam Valenti at 847-722-2828, or visit http://danielwright.freetoasthost.org.

• Lake County Spinner's Guild meeting. 1:30-4 p.m., second Sundays. Warren-Newport Public Library. Enjoy the art of fiber spinning and meet fellow spinners. Call Carol at 847-234-0778 or Chris at 847-367-2536 to learn more.

• Caregivers Support Group meeting. 1:30-3:30 p.m., Wednesdays. Warren Township Senior Center, 17801 W. Washington St. To qualify, you must regularly care for or about a person 60 or older. For more information, call 847-377-8310.

Heather Ridge Conservation

Club meeting. 7:30 p.m., third Thursdays. Heather Ridge Community Center.

 Lake County Gem and Mineral Society meeting, 7 p.m., third Tuesdays. Warren-Newport Public Library, 224 N. O'Plaine Road. For more information, call Rachel Schreiner at 847-973-1808.

INGLESIDE

• WinterFest, Noon-4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 13. Volo Bog State Natural Area, 28478 W. Brandenburg crafts, hikes, and more. Attendance is free, but donations are accepted. For more information, call 815-344-1294 or visit http://friendsofvolobog.org/

• C.O.O.L. Food Pantry. Mondays, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; fourth Saturdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, 25519 W. Route 134. Open to any Lake County resident with ID. For more information, call 847-270-0411 during pantry hours.

• The Shutterbugs photography club meeting. 7-9 p.m., third Wednesdays, Volo Bog State Natural Area. Ages 16 to adult welcome. Workshops, guest speakers and competitions. Call 815-344-1294 for information.

• Lake County Astronomical **Society meeting.** 8:30 p.m., third Fridays. Volo Bog State Natural Area. Meeting followed by a 9:30 p.m. viewing period. For information, call 815-344-1294 or visit www.lcas-astronomy.org.

LAKE VILLA

• Sueños Latin Jazz concert. 2 p.m., Şunday, Jan. 13. Lake Villa Public Library, 1001 E. Grand Ave. An. afternoon of music that combines virtuosic jazz improvisation with Afro-Cuban, Brazilian and Caribbean rhythms. For more information, call 847-356-7711 or visit www.lvdl.org.

• Lake Villa District Library Board meeting. 7 p.m., second Mondays, 1001 E. Grand Ave, For more information, call 847-356-7711.

 Weigh to Win meeting, 7-8 p.m., Tuesdays. Calvary Christian Center, Monaville Road. Call 847-356-6181 to learn more.

• La Leche League of Central Lake County meeting, 10 a.m., third Wednesdays. Lake Villa United Methodist Church on Sherwood, No. fee or registration required to attend. La Leche League is dedicated to support for women who choose breastfeeding. Children of all ages are welcome. Call any of these group leaders: Karen 847-918-1257, Valerie 847-838-0581 or Chris 847-367-2536.

 Lake Villa Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting. 4:30 p.m., Wednesdays. Church of the Holy Family, 25291 W. Lehman. Call

Debbie at 847-687-5531 for details. • Chain O'Lakes Model A Ford Club meeting. 7:30 p.m., third Tuesdays, Lake Villa City Park, Fairfield and Grand Avenue.

• Moms4Moms meeting, 9:30 a.m., second Mondays, Lake Villa District Library, 1001 Grand Ave. Children welcome. For more information, call 847-245-3357. 4

LAKE ZURICH

• Ela Area Public Library Board meeting, 6 p.m., third Tuesdays, Ela Area Public Library, 275 Mohawk Trail. Visit www.eapl.org for an agenda.

• The Village Singers rehearsal. 7:30 p.m., Mondays. Good

Shepherd Bible Church, 330 S. Old Rand Road. The Village Singers of Lake Zurich are a non-audition, community, mixed choir. Call Jeannine Saltman at 847-726-2011 to learn more.

AROUND TOWN

 Writers' Support Group. 9:30-11 a.m., second Mondays. Ela Area Public Library, 275 Mohawk Trail. This group offers networking opportunities for aspiring writers of all levels. Visit www.eapl.org for meeting topics.

LIBERTYVILLE Gardeners of Central Lake

County meeting. 7:30 p.m., . Monday, Jan. 14. Evangelical Free Church, 431 W. Austin Ave. The program will be "Digital Photography for the Gardener." The public is invited. For more information, call Susan at 847-816-8007.

• "A Way Out" meeting. 7 p.m., Fridays. St. Lawrence Episcopal Church, 125 W. Church St. An Alcoholics Anonymous group for gays, lesbians and straights. Call or e-mail Linda West at 847-735-1230 or

Lowest1@yahoo.com for details, Arthritis support group meeting. 2 p.m., second Sundays. Call Martha at 847-362-0889 to

 MS Support Group meeting. 2-4 p.m., second Sundays, Call 847-549-8971 for additional details.

 Looking Up meeting, 7-8:30 p.m., first and third Wednesdays. Condell's Day Center, 700 Garfield Aye. A bereavement support group meets in Libertyville, Call 847-816-8848 for details.

• Libertyville Fishing Club meeting. 7:30 p.m., third Tuesdays. Libertyville Township Hall, 359 Merrill Court. Guests always welcome. Call Ted at 847-816-7269 for information.

LINDENHURST Lindenhurst Village Board

meeting. 7 p.m., second and fourth Mondays. Village Hall Boardroom, Call 847-356-8252 for more information.

 Lindenhurst Lakes Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan 15. Village Hall Board Room, Call 847-356-8252 for more information.

• Lindenhurst Planning Commission meeting. 7 p.m., first and third Wednesdays. Village Hall Board Room, 2301 E. Sand Lake Road. Call 847-356-8252 to learn more.

· Free blood pressure screening. 8 a.m.-noon, Mondays. The Village at Victory Lakes Continuing Care Center. Call 847-356-5900 to learn more.

 Alzheimer's support group meeting. 4 p.m., third Wednesdays. Victory Lakes Continuing Care Center, 1055 E. Grand Ave. Call 847-356-5900 to learn more. • Lindenhurst/Lakes Area

Kiwanis Club meeting. 7:30-8:30

a.m., first and third Thursdays. State Bank of the Lakes, 2031 E. Grand Ave. For more information, ... call 847-356-5700.

McHENRY

• Free Eye Health Screening. 10-11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 16. McHenry Township Recreation Center, 3519 N. Richmond Road, No. appointment is necessary. For more information, call 800-CHECKUP (243-2587) or 815-756-8574, ext. 5255.

• Tourette Syndrome Assn. of Illinois support group meeting. 7-8:30 p.m., third Fridays. Elm Street Place Office Complex, lower level meeting room, 5400 W. Elm St. For additional information, call 815-675-0436.

MUNDELEIN National Society of the

Daughters of the American Revolution, Ansei Brainerd Cook Chapter, meeting. 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 12. Fremont Library, Room A, 1170 Midlothian Road. Paul and Jo Ann Rambow present "Reflections on the Civil War." Interested women are welcome to attend. Call Ruth Klein at 847-543-4287 for additional infor-

• Sitzmark Ski Club meeting. 8 p.m., first and third Wednesdays. El Barrio Restaurant, 1122 Diamond Lake Road. Year-round activities. Call Kevin at 847-548-2991 or visit www.sitzmarkskiclub.com to learn more.

 Sierra Club of Lake County meeting. 7 p.m., third Tuesdays. Fremont Township Office, 22376 W. Erhart Road. For more information, call Evan Craig at 847-680-6437.

 Wood Carving Club meeting. 2-5 p.m., first and third Tuesdays. Community Protestant Church, 418 N. Prairie. Call 847-623-2072 for details.

 Prairie Patch Quilting Guild meeting. 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Mondays. Community Protestant Church, 418 N. Prairie at Hawley. Call Marge at 847-816-7197 or visit www.prairiepatchquiltguild.com for more information.

OLD MILL CREEK • Lake County Doll Collectors

meeting. 1 p.m., third Saturdays. Millburn Congregational Church, Routes 45 and Grass Lake Road. Call 847-623-2072 for details.

ROUND LAKE -Big Brothers, Big Sisters

meeting. 6:30-8 p.m., Mondays. Calvary Presbyterian Church, 510 Cedar Lake Road Call 847-360-0770 for information.

SPRING GROVE • Spring Grove Village Board

meeting. 6 p.m., first and third Tuesdays. Council Chambers at the Municipal Centre, 7401 Meyer Road. For more information, call 815-675-2121.

VOLO

• Volo Village Board meeting. 7:30 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays, 31726 N. McNally Lane.

WAUKEGAN

• Musical Auditions. 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 15 and Wednesday, Jan. 16. Park Place Senior Center, 414 S. Lewis Ave. Casting for the May 10 musical revue "Ease On Down the Road," a benefit for the Staben Center and Staben House. Come prepared with two songs, one ballad and one upbeat. For more information, call Dianne Daluga at 847-274-3274 or 847-244-7469.

 Alzheimer's Family Support **Group meeting.** 6:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 20. Lake County Health Department, Room 137, 3012 Grand Ave. The free meeting is designed for family members who care for Alzheimer's sufferers, including information on current research, practical care techniques, community resources, and more. For more information, call 847-377-8097.

• Lake County Board of Health meeting, 6 p.m., Wednesdays. Lake County Health Department/ Community Health Center, Conference Room 112, 3010 Grand Ave. For more information, call 847-377-8000 or visit www.co.lake.il.us/health/boh,

• Lake County TB Board meeting. Wednesdays, immediately following the Board of Health meeting, Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center, Conference Room 111, 3010 Grand Ave. For more information. call 847-377-8000 or visit www.co.lake.il.us/health/boh.

• Coalition to Reduce Recidivism meeting, 8:30-10:30 a.m., third Mondays. College of Lake County Lake Shore Campus, 111 N, Genesee St. The group's mission is to assist ex-offenders in becoming productive members of the community. For more information, call Alyssa Koepsel at 847-244-4900.

 Lake County Chapter AARP 150 meeting. 1 p.m., third Wednesdays, Park Place Senjor Center, 414 S. Lewis Ave. Refreshments, door prizes and fellowship. Guests are welcome.

BURLINGTON, WIS. • Burlington Genealogical Society meeting. 7 p.m., third Wednesdays. Burlington Public Library, Pine and Jefferson St. Call Marion at 414-763-6981 or Merilyn at 414-728-2225 to learn more.

• To submit an item to, e-mail wjcalendar@weeklyjournals.com, phone 847-223-8161 or fax 847-223-8810 at least 14 days before the event.

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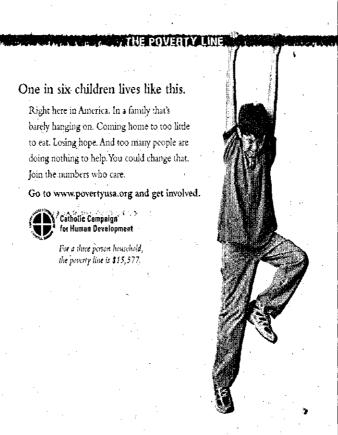


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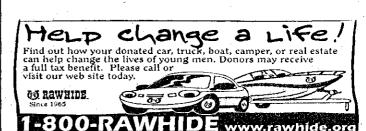
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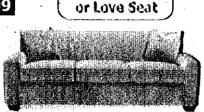
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>> LocalDeaths

Robert L. Knourek Sr., 68, Spring Grove Patricia C. Marcell, 66, Antioch Doris M. Lodin, 92, Libertyville

Michael S. Spychala, 52, Trevor, Wis. Vernon M. Cook, 73, Beach Park Dorothy J. Quinn, 87, Grayslake

Margaret E. Behning, 89, Grayslake Walter J. 'Skip' Antczak, 62, Round Lake Beach **OBITUARIES ON PAGE 8A**

>> InBrief

Lake Forest Hospital hosts blood drive

Lake Forest Hospital will host a LiféSource blood drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18.

Hospital employees and the general public are asked to consider making a donation during those hours. The blood drive will be in Lake Forest Hospital's Health Education Center, 660 N. Westmoreland Road in Lake Forest. Enter the hospital through the doors marked "Main Entrance" (nextto the Emergency Room).

All donors are asked to present two forms of proper identification (e.g. driver's license, blood donor identification card, government issued ID). Donors should eat a good meal and drink extra water before donating blood, according to a release.

Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. To make an appointment, or for more information, call LifeSource at 847-803-7943.

-Local reports

Lake County resident wins volunteer award

The Prudential Foundation and Prudential Financial, recently provided \$461,000 in Prudential CARES Volunteer Grants to 444 nonprofit organizations worldwide.

Jim Hessenthaler, of Gurnee, a financial planner for Prudential Insurance, received a Prudential CARES Volunteer Grants Award of \$1,000 for Kids Around the World, according to a release.

Hessenthaler dedicated 522 hours in 2006 to building playgrounds in gulf states affected by Hurricane Katrina. Kids Around the World provides safe play equipment for children living in difficult situations such as economic stress, political insta-

bility and natural disasters. The Prudential CARES Volunteer Grants program recognizes individ ual and team volunteers based on a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer service for each individual. Grants range from \$250 to \$5,000 for each award winner's charitable organization. Hessenthaler was presented with an award to pass along to his chosen charity.

-Local reports

County offers information on transportation

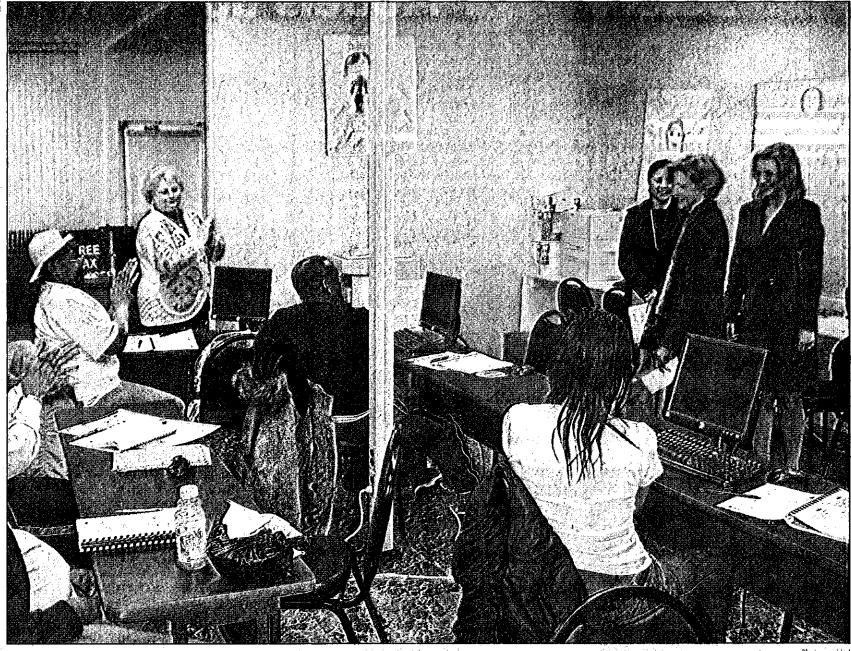
The Lake County Board is asking state leaders to approve a capital program that adequately funds all forms of state transportation.

Citizens can let their voice be heard on this issue by sending an e-mail message to their state legislators, Gov. Rod Blagojevich, and state legislative leaders. These e-mails are meant to encourage them to dedicate funding for roads, bridges, and transit across Illinois, according to a release from the county.

Visitors to the County Building in Waukegan can e-mail their state leaders at a computer terminal set up in the lobby that links to www.FixOurRoadsNow.com.

-Local reports

Money talks



A group trained in the YWCA Your Money Your Life Program gathers at the YWCA Lake County. Members go on to teach the classes either at the YWCA or other nonprofits.

YWCA offers financial advisement for women in need

By YADIRA SANCHEZ OLSON

ysanchez@nwnewsgroup.com

WAUKEGAN - In a world where money talks, if you don't know the language, you can get left behind. It's essential to know how to handle your finances and where to go to find the information you need.

Lori Deere, the YWCA Lake County's coordinator for Women's Economic Advancement, said women with low resources especially can find it difficult to understand and maintain their money mat-

"Some problems they run into are managing income, improving their credit rating, predatory lending and being advocates on how to speak out for themselves in a financial environment," Deere

The YWCA Lake County helps women in these situations by providing financial programs that teach them how to be responsible for their own fi-

nancial stability. One of these programs is called Financial Literacy. It is a four-week series that instructs lowincome women on topics such as homeownership, credit building, maintenance and starting a busi-

The cost of the program is \$20 for the complete series. The first series offered this year will start in February and will be at the YWCA's Computer Training Center in Waukegan. But not only women can benefit from the financial series.

"The classes are for anyone that needs these services, so everyone is welcomed," Deere said.

But in order to receive a certificate of comple-

Learn about the YWCA

During a five week period, the Lake County Journals has examined the YWCA Lake County and some of the programs it offers. Below is a look at the series in its entirety.

. Dec.13: Getting to know the YWCA: An overview of the

• Dec. 20: Women's Health: A look at the many ways the

YWCA Lake County helps with women's health issues. · Dec. 27: Child care: A look at child care programs pro-

vided to area parents and guardians through the YWCA. • Jan. 3: Girls on the move: The Lake County Journals examines a YWCA program that teaches leadership to high

school girls. • Jan. 10: Financial literacy: A look at a program that helps women be self-sufficient through their own financial education.

tion you must complete the entire series, Deere

The first part of the program instructs the participants on how to plan for their family's financial future. The BOOST part of the series helps people compose a solid home-buying plan.

Deere said whether you're a first-time home buyer or you're looking to refinance, you can benefit from the program's professional mortgage and loan officers. She said this is an important concept for people everywhere.

"Economic empowerment is the foundation of independence for women and their families," said Fran Calvert, director of programs for the YWCA

The dates for this year's first Financial Literacy program are Feb.6, 13, 20, 27. The sessions are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the YWCA's Computer Training Center at 2133 Belvidere Road in Waukegan.

Other programs

Check your date book

Other financial programs the YWCA offers are **English** with a Purpose and Computer Training.

English with a Purpose is a free six-month course designed to enhance all ethnic backgrounds.

In this program, adults from different backgrounds learn

how to communicate for themselves and their children. The YWCA's Computer Training classes offers basic instruction in both English and Spanish on Microsoft Office,

Publisher, Access, Excel, and Powerpoint.

Lake County.

The last part helps to prepare a basic business profile for those who are interested in starting their own business.

This is a really exciting time because more and more people are taking advantage of these programs," Deere said. She said that usually between 50 and 100 women participate in the program.

The Financial Literacy program is typically offered four times a year and is offered only in English. For more information contact the YWCA at 847-662-4247 or visit their Web site www.ywcalakecountyil.org.

INSIDE LAKE COUNTY



John S. Matijevich

>> SeeingitThrough

Gov. Rod Blagojevich is worried about the wrong problems, columnist John Matijevich says. Blagojevich has been meeting with Tribune officials to try and negotiate the state's purchase of Wrigley Field. The future of Wrigley Field is not in jeopardy and Blagojevich should worry about more important state issues.

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>> SnapShot

This week's question

"Did you pay attention to the lowa caucuses?"

ANSWERS ON PAGE 11A

>> PartyLines

Republican group plays host

Residents in the Eighth District will get a chance to see Republican candidates go at it at 7 p.m. Jan. 16 at the Lake Villa Township Community Center, West' Campus. The debate is sponsored by the Antioch and Lake Villa Townships Republican Clubs.

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>> OurView

Time to comply

Judges should comply and allow old unexecuted warrants be open to the public. PAGE 11A

>> SketchView



Chilly honor



Theresa Ogrin, of Beach Park, comes out of the water at Waukegan's Municipal Beach after taking the Polar Bear Plunge in honor of her cousin, Army Cpl. Keith Nurnberg, who died Sept. 5, 2007, in Iraq.

ROBERT L. KNOUREK SR.

Born: May 27, 1939 Died: Dec. 27, 2007

Loved riding horses and horse trading

SPRING GROVE - Robert L. Knourek Sr., age 68, of Spring Grove, passed away at his home Dec. 27, 2007. He was born May 27, 1939, in Chicago, the son of the late William and Edna M. (Long) Knourek. Bob lived in Lake and McHenry County for many years and in Florida for a short time. He loved riding horses and horse trading, was an avid trap shooter and had a special interest in real estate. He was the fourth generation to operate the Wood Workers Tool Works in Chicago for more than

30 years. He also owned and operated the Island on the Chain RV Park in Antioch for several years. Bob served in the U.S. Army, was

a member of the Lake Villa Volunteer Fire Department, a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite and the Medina Temple of the Shrine. On Sept 7, 1996 he married Susan Rederer in Spring Grove.

Survivors include his wife, Susan, his children, Robert Knourek Jr. of Black River Falls, Wis., Raymond Knourek of Lake Villa, Pamela Knourek of Winston-Salem, N.C., Jennifer Knourek of Antioch, Vicki (Scott) Segel of Antioch, Rebecca (Peter) Marsala of Mesa, Ariz., Sarah Knourek of Fox Lake, Michael (Jennifer) Rederer of Bristol, Wis., Jean Axen of Lake Villa, and Kim (Kevin) Loechler of Elgio. Minn.; his aunt Leona Long of Fox Lake, and 15 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Elizabeth, and a brother, William V. Knourek II.

Funeral services were at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 30, with visitation beginning at 11 a.m., at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, 1055 Main St. (Route 83) in Antioch, Interment of his re-

mains was private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to your favorite charity, in his memory. Please sign our guest book for Bob at www.strangfh.com. Please also sign the Guest Book at

www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

PATRICIA C. MARCELL Born: Dec. 7, 1941 Died: Dec. 27, 2007

Was a Eucharistic Minister at St. Gilbert Catholic Church in Grayslake

ANTIOCH - Patricia C. Marcell, age 66, of Antioch, passed away at home, Dec. 27, 2007. She was born to (the late) August and Josephine Bland Kapustka.

Wife of 37 years to William J. Marcell; mother of Cynthia (Craig) VanderMolen of DeForest, Wis., William H. Marcell of Fox Lake, and Dr. Catherine (John LaBelle) Marcell of Highland Park: grandmother of three: greatgrandmother of one; and loving sister.

Friends of the family visited Dec. 30, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Grayslake, Departing from the funeral home, a Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at 10 a.m. at St. Gilbert Catholic Church on Dec. 31 in Grayslake, Interment was private, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations. would be appreciated to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, Y-Me of Illinois, 300 W. Adams, Suite 430, Chicago, IL 60606. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

DORIS M. LODIN

Born: June 25, 1915 Died: Dec. 28, 2007 Was the last remaining child of Mathias Simonson who had 22 children

LIBERTYVILLE-Doris M. Lodin, age 92 of Libertyville, passed away Dec. 28, 2007, at the Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. Survivors include her children; Darlene and

the late, Philip Wenz of Elmhurst, and Marvin Lodin of Libertyville; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, George, on June 28, 2002. A great-granddaughter also preceded

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. on Jan. 2, at the Grace Lutheran Church, in Libertyville. Interment at Highland Memorial Park, in Libertyville was after the services. Friends of the family called from 2 to 4 p.m. on Dec. 30, at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Memorials may be made to the Grace Lutheran Church in her memory. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

MICHAEL S. SPYCHALA Born: May 3, 1955

Died: Dec. 31, 2007 Enjoyed boating, water skiing and snow skiing

TREVOR, WIS. - Michael S. Spychala, age 52 of Trevor, Wis., passed away Dec. 31, 2007, at the Aurora Medical Center, in Kenosha, Wis. He was born May 3, 1955, in Chicago, the son

of Stephen and Irene Goblet Spychala Jr. He moved to the area in 1961. Mike had lived in Antioch, Scottsdale, Ariz., and Breckenridge, Colo., before moving to Trevor, Wis. He worked for many years as a general contractor and enjoyed boating, water skiing and snow skiing. In 1980 he married Jane Palo in Waukegan. Survivors include his wife, Jane Palo: two

daughters, Haley Diane Spychala of Indianapolis, and Abbey Lynn Spychala of Grayslake; a stepson, Dennis Kukla of Waukegan; his mother, Irene Spychala of Pleasant Prairie, Wis.; two sisters, Nancy Bosch of Pleasant Prairie, Wis., and Patricia (Glenn) Oftedahl of Antioch; two nieces and two nephews, Stephen (Jennifer) Haisma, Barbara (Rob) Choate, David (Dawn) Haisma and Michelle Remer. He was preceded in death by his father, Stephen Spychala Jr. on April 28, 2003.

Funeral services were at 7 p.m., Jan 4, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. Visitation was from 4 to 9 p.m., Jan. 4. Interment was

Donations may be made to a family memorial. Please sign our guest book at www.strangfh.com. Please also sign the Guest Book at

www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

VERNON M. COOK Born: Jan. 26, 1934

Died: Dec. 27, 2007 Former chief of police for Lindenhurst

BEACH PARK - Vernon M. Cook, age 73 of Beach Park, passed away Dec. 27, 2007, at the Veterans Administration Hospital, in North Chicago. He was born Jan. 26, 1934, in Newellton, La., the son of the late James and Dora (Wroten) Cook,

Vern served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Shangri-la Air Craft Carrier during the Korean Conflict. He retired from the Lake County Sheriff Department as a lieutenant, serving as head juvenile officer for 14 years and as a highway patrolman.

He also was the former chief of police for Lindenhurst, and a former patrolman for the Lake Villa Police Department.

His hobbies included photography, fishing, camping and traveling in his RV. On Sept 18, 1976, he

married Shirley B. Gelden in Waukegan.

Caroline Goins.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley; his children, Lesa (Rob) Tolbert of Ingleside, Mario (Brian Palmer) Carlson of Genoa City, Wis., Noel (Mark Spodmocker) Carlson of Ingleside, and Dawn McClellan of Mundelein; five grandchildren; his brother-in-law, Bill (Dawn) Gelden of Paddock Lake, Wis.; and mother-in-law, Bernice Gelden of Lake Villa; his brother, James (Carrie) Cook of Holly Springs, N.C.; two nieces, Chandra Cook of N.C. and Charisse (Scott) Goins of N. C.; and one great-niece,

He was preceded in death by a brother, Tomas M. Cook. Vern has seven children from previous marriages, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services with interment at Millburn Cemetery will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lake Villa Rescue Squad, Lake Villa, in his memory. Please sign our guest book for Vern at www.strangfh.com. Please also sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

DOROTHY J. QUINN Born: Feb. 22, 1920 Died: Dec. 31, 2007

Was a den mother for both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts

GRAYSLAKE - Dorothy Jane Quinn, age 87 of Grayslake, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Dec. 31, 2007, at her home. She was born to the late William and Ina Orr.

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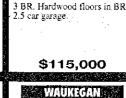
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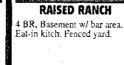






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Dorothy is survived by her children Daniel (Janet) of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Michael (Kathleen) of Libertyville, and Joanna (Gary) Templeton of New Canaan, Conn.; her grandchildren; her great-grandchild; and her sister. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; her daughter, Mary Louise; and her parents.

Friends of the family visited on Ian. 3, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Grayslake. A funeral service began at 10 a.m. on Jan.4 at the funeral chapel. Interment was at Ivanhoe Cemetery in Ivanhoe after the service. Memorial donations to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, 60 E. 56th St., 8th floor, New York, NY 10022 Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

MARGÀRET E. BEHNING

Born: June 9, 1918 Died: Dec. 29, 2007 Volunteered at the Grove School in Lake Forest

GRAYSLAKE - Margaret E. Behning, age 89, of Grayslake, passed away at Anam Care in Rockford Saturday, Dec. 29, 2007. She was born to John and Hazel Swarthout Peterson.

Survivors include her children, Margaret Bever Scheibler of Englewood, Fla., Lois (Gale) Peregrin of Pembroke Pines, Fla., Thomas (Lynn) Nellessen of Deer Park, Wash, John (Şandra) Nellessen of Castle Rock, Colo., Nancy Behning of Gurnee, and Carol Behning of Rockford; 13 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and her siblings. Her hüsband, Chester "Bud" Behning, sister, and brother, precede her in

Friends of the family visited from 5 to 8 p.m. on Jan. 3, at Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Gravslake.

The visitation conitinued on Jan. 4 from noon until the time of funeral services at 1 p.m. at United Protestant Church, in Grayslake, Interment was at Avon Centre Cemetery in Grayslake after the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the United Protestant Church, 54 S. Whitney St. Grayslake, IL 60030; Anam Care Inc., 8104 Sayer Road, Rockford, IL 61108, or to the Alzheimer's Association, PO Box 806457, Chicago, IL 60680-412, would be greatly appreciated. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountviournals.com/obits.

WALTER J. 'SKIP' ANTCZAK Born: May 19, 1945 Died: Dec. 28, 2007

Former village trustee of Round Lake Beach

ROUND LAKE BEACH - Walter J. "Skip" Antozak, age 62, of Round Lake Beach, passed away Dec. 28, 2007, at Highland Park Hospital. He was born to Edward C. and Madeline Block Antozak. Skip was a Vietnam Veteran, having ... served proudly for the U.S. Marine Corps.

Husband of 42 years to Sandra Bulat Antezak; father of Mykai (Rana) Antezak and David (Grethel) Antozak: "Papa" of

six grandchildren; brother of two; and uncle of many nieces and nephews. His aforementioned parents precede him in death.

Friends of the family visited on Jan. 2, from 3 to 9 p.m. at Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Grayslake. A Mass of the Resurrection began at 11 a.m. on Jan. 3, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, in Round Lake, departing from the funeral home.

Interment was at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville after the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, www.leukemia-lymphoma.org, would be greatly appreciated. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lake-

ROBERT W. BURT

Born: Aug. 3, 1964 Died: Dec. 23, 2007 Enjoyed motorcycling, 4-wheelers and camping with his children

LAKE VILLA - Robert W. Burt, age 43, of Lake Villa, died Dec. 23, 2007. On Sept. 14, 1999, he married Karen Hackl in Las Vegas.

Survivors include his wife, Karen Wiese Hackl, former wife, Monica Rich Burt; five children, Matthew John Burt of Mason, Ohio, Thomas Brown of Waukegan, Nicole Marie Burt, Stephanie Ann Burt, and Brian Burt all of Gurnee; four stepchildren, Nicholas, Kristina, Nathan, and Andrew Hacklall of Lake Villa; a granddaughter; his mother, Sondra Burt of Merlin, Ore.; a brother; in-laws; and many relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, and his father, Lee

A memorial service was at 6 p.m. Jan. 3 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. Interment was private, in lieu of flowers, donations to a family memorial are appreciated. Please sign Robert's questbook at www.strangfh.com. Please also sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

IRENE P. LOCHEN

Born: Oct. 21, 1929 Died: Dec. 31, 2007 She volunteered at the Tri-County Thrift Shop

ROUND LAKE BEACH - frene P. Lochen, age 78, of Round Lake Beach, died Dec. 31, 2007, at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, She was born to Hans and Anna Lorentzen Larsen. On April 24, 1947, she married Thomas J. Lochen, who preceded her in death on June 19, 1998,

Survivors include 11 children, Thomas (Marie) Lochen of Lebanon, Tenn., Don Lochen of Crystal Lake, Cathe (Philip) Gerhardt of Twin Lakes, Wis., Debbie (Andy) Nilsson of Cary, Therese (Jack) Sloan of Grayslake, Cynthia (Hank) Demlow of Wheaton, Mary Akres of Round Lake, Jeannie (Brad) Korando of Pleasant Prairie, Wis., Edwin Lochen of Round Lake, Cathy (Tim) Weiler of Twin Lakes, Wis., Bryan (Julie) Lochen of Island Lake, 31 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Thomas: a daughter, Patricia Cone: two sons. Mark and Paul Lochen; a grandson; and her parents.

Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m. on Jan. 2, at Justen's Round Lake Funeral Home in Round Lake. The Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m., on Jan. 3, at St. Joseph Church, in Round Lake. Interment was in Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. The family would appreciate memorials to Catholic Charities for the blind. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.justenfh.com Please also sign the Guest Book at

www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

.F.T. 'MIKE' GRAHAM .

Born: Sept. 10, 1927 Died: Dec. 29, 2007 Was the founder of the first open space district in the Midwest

LIBERTYVILLE - E.T. "Mike" Graham, age 80, of Libertyville, died on Dec. 29, 2007, at the Winchester House. He was a former Libertyville Township Supervisor. Surviving are his former wife and dear

friend, Geri Yore Graham, of Grayslake; two children, Julia (Jerry) Adzima of Chesterfield, Mo., and Michael (Karen) Graham of Libertyville, eight grandchildren; his sister. He was fondly referred to as "Uncle Mick" by his many loving nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Anna Graham and also by seven brothers and

Prayers began at 10:30 a.m., Jan. 3, at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville and services continued to St. Joseph Church in Libertyville for a Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Interment was at Ascension Cemetery after

the mass. Visitation was at the funeral home from 3 to 9 p.m. Jan. 2. Memorial contributions can be made to either the St. Vincent de Paul Society or the Liberty Prairie Conservancy in his memory. Please sign the

www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

JOSEPHINE PARKER BLAKESLEY

Born: April 19, 1921 Died: Dec. 25, 2007

She loved to cook, sew and volunteer

LIBERTYVILLE - Josephine Parker Blakesley, age 86, of Libertyville, died Dec. 25, 2007, at ManorCare in Libertyville.

Surviving are her daughters, Karen (Mike) Achille, of Martha's Vineyard, Mass., Lynne (James) Hellquist of Libertyville and Judith Ness of Milwaukee, Wis.; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Verna Parker, by her husband, Robert; and a brother.

The family requests memorial contributions in her memory be made to one's local hospice. A memorial service is being planned for April 19 in Whitefish Bay, Wis. Arrangements are by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

DUANE M. ZORN

Born: Sept. 18, 1932 Died: Dec. 31, 2007

Was an avid golfer, musician and White Sox

LIBERTYVILLE - Duane M. Zorn, age 75 of the Libertyville-Mundelein area, passed away suddenly on Dec. 31, 2007, in Champaign.

Surviving are seven children, Perry (Lynn) Zorn of St. Charles, Kathy (Roger) Marx of Hill City, S.D., Michael Zorn of Lindenhurst, Tina (Jon) West of White House, Tenn., Terri Zorn of Burlingame, Calif., Stephen Zorn of West Chicago and Emma (Mark) Christensen of Winnetka; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and former wife, Blanca Zorn of Libertyville. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Margaret Zorn; by his first wife, Arlene Kovacs Zorn, in 1968; and by his brother.

Visitation was from 10 a.m. until the time of services at noon Jan. 5 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville, Interment was at Highland Memorial Park after the service. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountylournals.com/obits.

MARY D. HOLM

Born: July 14, 1934 Died: Dec. 25, 2007 Married Jan. 10, 1975 in Island Lake

CRYSTAL LAKE - Mary D. Holm, age 73, of

Crystal Lake, died Dec. 25, 2007, at The Fountains of Crystal Lake. She was born July 14.1934, in Jefferson, Mo., to Harvey and Dorothy Kesel Darnell. She married Robert Holm on Jan. 10, 1975, in Island Lake.

She is survived by her stepdaughters, Jackie (Rick) Reece and June (Jeff) Glasel; her brother, Jerald K. Ignatich and her niece and nephews, Christy, Steven, Mitcheo, Jerald and Mike. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert in June 2007; her parents and her brother, Steven Ignatich.

Her services were private. Memorials in her name may be made to St. Francis Animal Rescue, P.O. Box 261614, Tampa, FL 33685-1614. Arrangements were made by Querhammer & Flagg Funeral Home in Crystal Lake. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

LEEVI J. AALTONEN

Born: Aug. 23, 1937 Died: Dec. 31, 2007 Was an ardent Green Bay Packers football fan

WAUKEGAN - Leevi J. Aaltonen, age 70, of Waukegan, died on Dec. 31, 2007. He was born. the son of the late. Hanna and Lars Aaltonen. He was a veteran, serving in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He is survived by his children, Diana (Scott) Huribut of Lake Villa and Steve (Kathy) Aaltonen of Michigan; his grandchildren; his brother; and sisters. He was preceded in death by his parents, and

Funeral services began at noon Jan. 4 at Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa. Interment was private. Visitation was

a brother.

Jan. 4 from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service at noon. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

PAUL R. GIERNOTH

Born: Nov. 18, 1944 Died: Dec. 31, 2007 Loved to play pool and was known for his 'Paulie Rack'

ROUND LAKE PARK - Paul R. Giernoth, age 63, of Round Lake Park, died Dec. 31, 2007, at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, He was born to the late Walter and Lorraine Giernoth, Paul was the owner of P.J.'s Park Inn. in Round Lake Park.

Paul is survived by his wife of 45 years, Joyce; his children, Lisa Giernoth and Dale Giernoth; his adopted daughter, Bonnie; his grandchildren; and his siblings. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation was Jan. 4 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Grayslake. The funeral service was Jan. 5, at 10 a.m. at the funeral chapel, with Reverend Orrell Ruth officiating. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

ALICE FINNIGAN

Bom: April 23, 1932 Died: Jan. 3, 2008 Worked in the deli department of Piggly Wiggly grocery store

ANTIOCH - Alice Finnigan, age 75 of Antioch, died Jan. 3, 2008, at her home. She was born April 23, 1932, in Glasgow, Scotland to the late Thomas Eugene and Sarah (Daly) Gribbon. Alice was a devout catholic, attending St. Peter Church in Antioch, where she was a member of the choir and rosary group; she also attended St. Benedict Abbey services. She was a homemaker, worked as a secretary, and before her retirement in 1995, she worked in the deli department of the Piggly Wiggly grocery store in Antioch.

Survivors include her daughter, Kathleen (Paul) Moczek of Antioch; two sisters. Kathleen Hansen, and Betty Maager, and one brother. Joe Gribbon: a sister-in-law, Nancy Gribbon; three grandchildren, Tonya (Brian) Fuson, Justin Chase, and Zachary (Amanda) Kenna; and three great-grandchildren, Natasha, Devon, and Nick. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Gerald Thomas "Tommie" O'Connor, in 1971, her second husband, Donald J. Finnigan in 1994; two sons, Thomas in 1992, James in 2007, and one brother, Eugene Gribbon.

Funeral services with Mass of Christian Burial was at 10 a.m. Jan. 8 at St. Peter Church, 557 Lake St. in Antioch. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery in Antioch. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m. Jan. 7, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. In lieu of flowers, contributions to a family memorial, in her memory, would be appreciated. Please sign the guestbook for Alice at www.strangfh.com Please also sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

LOUISE CATHERINE SHAFFER Born: May 9, 1914

Died: Dec. 25, 2007 Traveled worldwide until she was 90

LiMA, OHIO - Louise Catherine Shaffer, age 93 of Lima, Ohio, passed away Dec. 25, 2007, at Victory Lakes Continuing Care Center in Lindenhurst. She was born the daughter of the late John Jacob and Henrietta (Klausing) Borer. On Oct. 5, 1936, she married William J. "Buck" Shaffer and he preceded her in death on Dec. 12.1984.

Survivors are four sons, John (Judy) Shaffer of Lake Villa, David (Janelle) Shaffer of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., Dennis (Patricia) Shaffer of Lisbon Falls, Maine, and Daniel (Michele) Shaffer of Huntsville, Ala.; a sister, 13 grand-

children, nine great-grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren, and one step-great-grandchild.; She was preceded in death by two sons, William "Billy" and Thomas Shaffer, also six brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services with Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. April 12 at St. Gerard Church, 240 W. Robb Ave., Lima, Ohio 45801 -Interment will be private at Gethsemani Cemetery, Lima, Ohio, Visitation at the Church will be from 9 a.m. until the time of services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements were entrusted to the Strang Funeral Home, Antioch Info call 800-622-4441. Please sign our quest book at www.strangfh.com. Please also sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

PHYLLIS R. JAMIESON

Born: Dec. 27, 1918 Died: Jan. 2, 2008 Enjoyed international traveling and was a pi-

SOUTHPORT, N.C. - Phyllis R. Jamieson, age 89 of Southport, N.C., of Lindenhurst, died Jan. 2, 2008, at Victory Lakes Continuing Care Center, in Lindenhurst. She was born the daughter of the late Harry and Bessie (Spriggs) Duffany. On July 24, 1942, she married Arthur Jamieson and he preceded her in. death on March 18, 1979.

Survivors include her daughter, Sherrill (Ed) Tripp of Antioch and her four grandchildren. In, addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Gregory.

A Memorial service will be at a later date in Southport, N.C. Arrangements were entrusted to the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the Antioch United Methodist Church Window Restoration Fund, 848 Main St., Antioch, IL 60002 in her memory. Please sign the guest book at www.strangfh.com. Please also sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

RICHARD WAGNER **ECKHARDT**

Died: Jan. 1, 2008

ANTIOCH - Richard Wagner Eckhardt, age 79 of Antioch, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Janice L. (Goffin) Eckhardt, and other family members.

Services will be private. Arrangements were entrusted to Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Grayslake. For information visit www.strangfuneral.org. Please also sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

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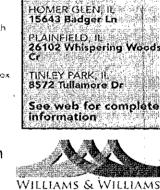
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Edward R. "Ted"

Innes of Lake

EDWARD M. INNES Born: Oct. 28, 1928 Died: Jan. 5, 2008 Played baseball for the Pittsburgh Pirates for

IVANHOE - Edward M. Innes, age 79 of Ivanhoe, died suddenly, Jan. 5, 2008, in Lakewood Ranch, Fla. Ed was a veteran of

the U.S. Air Force, having served during the Korean Conflict. Surviving are his wife, Mary Grace "Jill"

Frawley-Innes; children, Mary Etlin Innes (John Lampe) of Vernon Hills, Daniel (Bobbe) linnes of

Zurich and Patricia Innes of Lake Station, Ind.; three grandchildren; two stepchildren, Wendy (Michael) Loftus of Palos Heights and Gregory (Karen) Frawley of Alsip; four step-grandchildren; two stepgreat-grandchildren; and his brother. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Ellin

Innes, in 1998; by his sister, and a grand-

daughter. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m., Jan. 8 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Jan, 9 at St. Mary of the Annunciation Church in Mundelein. Interment was at Ascension Cemetery. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lake-

countyjournals.com/obits. RANKA RALIC

Born: May 17, 1924 Died: Jan. 5, 2008 Born in Yugoslavia, came to U.S. in 1997

GURNEE - Ranka Ralic, age 83 of Gurnee, diệd Jan. 5, 2008, at her home.

Surviving are three daughters, Dragica Ralic of Serbia, Milica (Peter) Trbovic of Lindenhurst and Djurdjica (Dusan) Glumac of Gurnee; five grandchildren; a sister, and three brothers.

\$he was preceded in death by her husband, Milan Ralic in 1996; by a grandson, and also by two brothers.

Funeral services and interment was Thursday, Jan. 10 at 11 a.m., at St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Monastery in Libertyville. Vişitation was from 5 to 8 p.m. on Jan. 9, at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave., in Libertyville, where the Pomen Service was at 7 p.m., Jan. 9. Please sign the Guest Book at

www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

JOANNE S. MORGAN Born: Jan. 21, 1951

Died: Jan. 4, 2008 Was a teacher at the Little Saints Pre-School in Mundelein ...

Green Oaks, died, Jan. 4, 2008, at the Lake Forest Hospital.

Surviving are her husband, Frederick Morgan, and three children, Carrie, Lindsay and Zachary Morgan, all of Green Oaks; and

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Anne Skinner,

Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Route 176). in Libertyville. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the American Lung Assn., 1440 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607. Please sign the Guest Book at

WAUKEGAN - Shirlee S. Felbinger, age 84

Surviving are two daughters, Ciny (Norman) Harisen of Lake Forest and Karen (Larry) Smith of Arlington Heights; a grandson, two and great-grandchildren. Visitation was from 10:30 a.m. until the

time of services at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 9 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Interment was at the Northshore Garden of Memories in North Chicago after the service. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

EVELYN M. VOGT

Born: July 18, 1914 Died: Jan. 5, 2008 Was a member of the Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Antioch

LINDENHURST - Evelyn M. Vogt, age 93 of Lindenhurst, died, Jan. 5, 2008, at Hillcrest Nursing and Rehab Center in Round Lake Beach. She was born the daughter of the late Adolph and Magdalena (Duebner) Kielsmier. On July 18, 1933, she married Adolph Vogt in Manitowoc County, Wis., and he preceded her in death on Sept. 11,

vivors include her son, Ronald R. (Jacqueline) Vogt of Lindenhurst; four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Jan. 8 at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Antioch, with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. Graveside services were at 11 a.m. on Jan. 9 in Evergreen Cemetery at Manitowoc, Wis. Strang Funeral Home of Antioch assisted the family with arrangements. Please sign our guestbook for Evelyn at www.strangfh.com. Please also sign the Guest Book at

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MARGARET L. BARBOUR

Died: Jan. 5, 2008 Enjoyed drives in the country and frequent trips to casinos

JOHNSBURG - Margaret L. Barbour, age 78, of Johnsburg, died Jan. 5, 2008, at Northern Illinois Medical Center in

She is survived by four children, Linda. (Kedrick) Banks of McHenry, Elainc (Sil) Donat of Johnsburg, Bill (Sandra Burnett) Barbour of McHenry, Neil (Melody) Barbour of Graystake; 13 grandchildren; 12 greatgrandchildren; a sister; and a brother. She was preceded in death by her parents; and a

sister. The visitation will be from 4 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 11, 2008, at the George R. Justen & Son Funeral Home, 3519 W. Elm St., in

Visitation will continue on Saturday, Jan. 12, from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral service at Ail Saints Lutheran Church, 6800

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www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits. SHIRLEE R. FELBINGER Born: Dec. 10, 1923 Died: Jan. 6, 2008 Was a member of the Swedish Glee Club of Waukegan, died Jan. 6, 2008 in Lincolnshire.

Mynor, age 82 of Libertyville died Jan. 7, 2008, in Gurhee. Surviving are three children, Dennis

(Patricia) Hubbard of Lakeland, Fla., Robert (Kathleen) Hubbard of Gurnee and Mary Kay (Michael) Albert of Round Lake Park; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a brother, and a sister. She was preceded in death by her parents, Nicholas and Kathleen Hatthews, by her daughter, Geraldine Hubbard, two brothers; a sister and a grand-

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LIBERTYVILLE - Kathleen C. Hubbard

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HUBBARD MYNOR

Born: March 27, 1925

Died: Jan. 7, 2008

Prayers will begin at 10:15 a.m., on Jan. 11 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W, Park Ave. in Libertyville and services will continue to St. Joseph Church fora Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Interment will be at Ascension Cemetery after the service. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 3

to 8 p.m. on Jan. 11. Memorial contributions can be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Please sign the Guest Book at ' www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

>> Libertyville

blic servant remembered

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LIBERTYVILLE - The landscape of Lake County would be much different today without the contributions throughtout the decades from F.T. "Mike" Graham, his admirers said.

Graham, the former Lake County Board member and Libertyville Township Supervisor, died Dec. 29 at the Winchester House. Services for Graham, 80, were Jan. 3 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

Graham was most known for the creation of the Libertyville Township Open Space District. That district preserved 2,400 acres north of Libertyville with the aide of private land donations. The district was created by the state legislature in 1985, with the urging of then legislator Grace Mary Stern and Graham.

"It is a sad day, for all the

County Forest Preserve and all of Lake County," Lake County Board member Carol Calabresa said. "We mourn the passing of an open space advocate. He realized much earlier than most about the cost of development and related services for schools, libraries, and police and fire, [and] the taxpayers. It is easier to buy open space than build houses."

Graham also helped anyone in tough times, whether it be for the loss of a job or a divorce, Calabresa said.

"He was the father of open space," Lake County Board Chairman Suzi Schmidt said. "He was also concerned about ground water and top soil. Without him, John Ridel, Norm Geary, John Balen, and Calabresa, the county would have a much different landscape.'

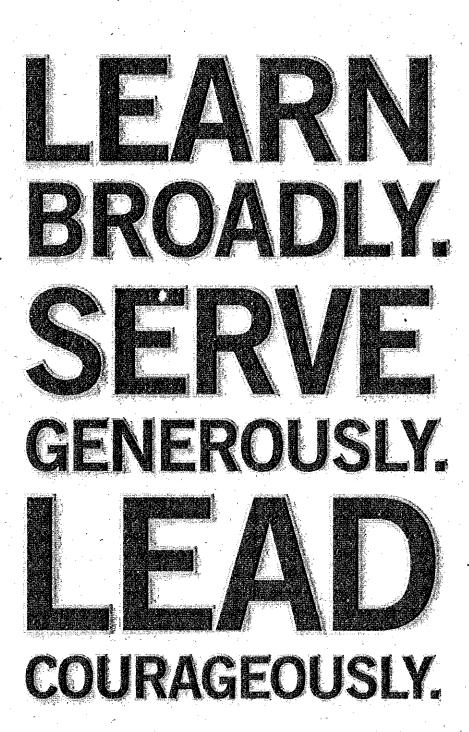
Declining health forced Graham to retire from his role as supervisor in 2003, a

1989 and 1997-2003. Current supervisor Betty-Ann Moore has known Graham since 1970s.

"It was a pleasure to serve with Mr. Graham on the township level. He focused his political efforts on open space," Moore said.

A grove of trees planted in Graham's honor stands at the Libertyville soccer complex.

Graham was born Sept. 10, 1927, in Gurnee, and had lived in Libertyville since 1956. He was a 1945 graduate of Warren Township High School in Gurnee. He attended Blackburn College in Carlinville and Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Mich.. Graham was a member of St. Joseph Parish Catholic Libertyville, the Cardinal Stritch Council of Knights of Columbus. He was a salesman at Miller-Krueger Dodge in Libertyville for many



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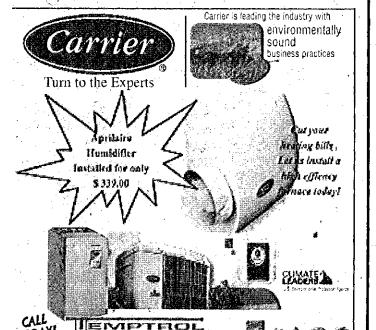


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>> OurView

Compliance warranted

After a search warrant has been served, or has been returned "not executed" to the court that issued it. does it matter whether the document is open to public inspection?

Yes, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan said recently in an of-

ficial opinion. We have another question: Why is this even an issue?

An attorney general's opinion should not be needed to remind public officials that that's the way things work in a democracy. Or, at least, that's how they're supposed to

John Schmidt, state's attorney for Sangamon County, had asked Madigan for an opinion on the matter. The Illinois Supreme Court, it appears, has provided no guidance on how counties should file search warrants and their supporting documents such as affidavits. As a result, no uniformity exists in the way clerks of circuit courts throughout the state file warrants.

On the openness issue, Madigan saw the case as a slam-dunk.

First, the state's Code of Criminal Procedure requires courts to file any complaint for a search warrant, along with sworn statements and the warrant itself, once the warrant is returned to the court - whether successfully served or not. That filing is the responsibility of the court's clerk.

Second, the procedural code requires that "All records ... required by law to be kept by such clerks shall be deemed public records, ... and all persons shall have free access for inspection and examination to such records, ...'

Madigan's opinion notes that courts "have long recognized the

public's right to review judicial records, even in the absence of a specific statute such as [the Code of Criminal Procedure]."

But, it seems, some court clerks have taken it upon themselves to seal the warrants, along with the supporting information, with no legal authority to do so.

Madigan acknowledges the right to inspect is not absolute. Courts still may order some records to remain sealed, although strong justifit cation for doing so should be offered.

Only through public inspection of such information can we ensure that the courts are doing their jobs properly.

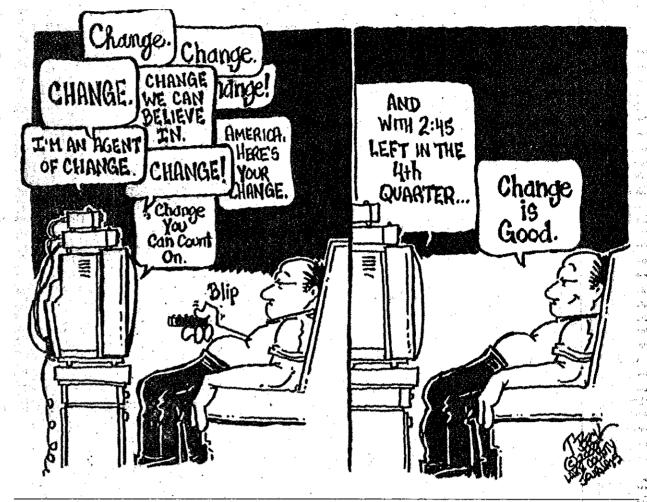
The Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution requires a showing of probable cause to justify the issuance of a search warrant. That is intended to protect Americans' constitutional right against unreasonable search and seizure of private property by the government.

To their credit, State's Attorney Schmidt and Sangamon Circuit Clerk Tony Libri reported they intended to comply with Madigan's opinion, even though it doesn't carry the weight of law.

Judges who are in the habit of routinely sealing such warrants also should cease the practice. Such institutional secrecy is inconsistent with a free society.

Our democracy demands a transparency that requires a presumption of openness in all actions of the government, absent a compelling reason otherwise.

We hope all Illinois counties adopt such a policy friendly to public access of government informa>> SketchView



>> YourView

Vote yes for Big Hollow To the editor:

The financial crisis in Big Hollow School District is personal to me. My fourthgrade son has 34 students in his class, my first-grade daughter is one of 27 in her

My children no longer have art or music, so the day when my son came home jazzed about Van Gogh's "Starry Night" is but a memory. Lunchroom and playground staffing are so minimal that safety has become an issue and on "hot lunch" days, my kids and their classmates often have less than 10 minutes

For many Big Hollow residents, however, the schoolfunding crisis is not personal ... or so they tell themselves. This perception is, I think, terribly mis-

In fact, the declining quality of education at Big Hollow affects everyone with a stake in the community. The housing market is already bleak, and our desirability as a place to live a place where children can receive a high-quality education, where property values/home sales are going to rebound sooner rather than later, and where businesses will want to locate

- is sinking fast. Fortunately, the opportunity is at hand to get Big . Hollow back on track

On Feb. 5, the school district will ask voters to approve a \$10 million working cash bond. The resulting cash infusion will let the district reduce class sizes to acceptable levels, creating an environment conducive to real learning, and restore art, music and computer instruction.

The owner of a \$280,000 home - the median home value in the Big Hollow community - will pay about \$32 a month after standard deductions and exemptions.

Yes, these are challenging economic times. Yes, education-finance reform in Illinois is the real long-term solution. But Big Hollow's need is urgent.

The opportunity is now. Even after program cuts, the district will operate at a \$3 million deficit this year. This is one instance where the cost of doing nothing far surpasses the cost of committing a few more tax dollars for the next five years.

Big Hollow's traditional reputation as a quality community committed to education is in jeopardy. Now, it's time for Big Hollow to get back on track. Please visit www.supportbighollow.org for more information and

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Cathy Raiston Round Lake

Grateful for smoking ban To the Editor:

I'm grateful that our elected officials had the foresight to do the right thing by passing the Smoke-Fee Illinois Act. My future grandchildren will grow up in a smoke-free state. While growing up, both my parents smoked. Fortunately, my dad had the will to quit in his 50s. Sadly, my daughters never got the opportunity to know their grandmother because my mom's lung cancer death robbed that from them.

I witnessed first hand not only the damages lung

cancer takes on the human ?: body, but also the years of passing holiday sadness. Sadness inflicted on the human soul (shared by other family members, too) incurred by the loss of a loved one whose life had been snuffed out by smok- ---

My spouse is employed in " a business that has a higher rate of work-related *** lung cancer, etc., than most other businesses mainly because the bar and. restaurant were conducive: to a smoking atmosphere. 🗮

Now that the law is here, I hope that the public will enforce the law so that my daughters do not get robbed of a loved one again because of smoking.

Carol M. Beyer Algonquin

>> PartyLines

Republican clubs to co-host district debate

The Antioch and Lake Villa Township Republican Clubs will be co-hosting a debate of the Republican candidates for the Eighth Congressional District at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16. The candidates will be Ken Arnold, Steve Greenberg and Kirk Morris.

The debate will be at the Lake Villa Township Community Center, West Campus. The debate is open to the public and refreshments will be served, according to a release.

"This event will allow the voters in the area to meet the Republican candidates and hear firsthand how they stand on the issues facing our Antioch Township Republican Club President Brent Bluthardt said in a release.

Lake Villa Township Republican Club President Dominic Marturano also is looking forward to the debate. "I expect a good turnout, and am

looking forward to be able to compare and contrast the candidates' viewpoints on key issues such as healthcare, immigration, and education," Marturano said in a release.

For further information or if you would like a ride to the event, contact Bluthardt at 847-838-0212 or Marturano at 847-356-0731.

Salary to scholarship

State Sen. Susan Garrett, D-Lake Forest, announced in a release that she planned to donate \$5,700, the amount of the increase in her legislative salary in 2007, to the Šuburban Special Northern Education District Foundation (NSSED) for its scholarship pro-

The governor signed the legislators' pay raises into law in August

Garrett voted no on the raises and pledged to use hers to fund scholarships for special education students who plan to attend college, according to the release.

"My intention in helping to fund these scholarships is not just to help provide a college education for special education students, but to recognize the unique abilities and challenges of these students," Garrett said in a statement. "In order to complete high school and move on to college, many of these young people have overcome obstacles that are unimaginable."

Anyone interested in donating to the NSSED Foundation or applying for a scholarship should contact NSSED at 847-831-5100.

>> SeeingltThrough

Cubs don't need state's help to stay afloat

Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who hasn't been able to solve any of the state's crucial problems, now appears to be tackling a problem that doesn't even

According to reports, the governor has been meeting with Tribune officials to negotiate the state's purchase of Wrigley Field.

Real estate mogul billionaire Sam Zell bought the Chicago Tribune in a \$8.2 billion buyout. The Cubs and Wrigley Field assets of the Tribune are supposed to be auctioned off by July, with approval from Major League Baseball.

There's not many who think he Cubs and Wrigley Field won't bring in "mega-dollars" in the final pur-

According to an article by the Chicago Tribune, it is said that the auction bids could be from \$500 million to \$600 million, a far cry from the \$20.5 million that Tribune paid

So, with the Cubs worth so much in the private sector, why should the state of Illinois stick its nose, or money, in this deal?

Blagojevich, who claims himself to be "Cub Fan No. 1," seems to be selling his involvement on the premise that it will guarantee that the Cubs will stay at Wrigley Field, rather than re-locating to the sub-



John S. Matijevich

urbs, or beyond, Any investors interested in buying the Cubs such as Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban or Donald Trump, who have been mentioned as suitors, would be foolish to

Like Fenway Park in Boston, Wrigley Field is what makes the franchise so successful.

abandon Wrigley Field.

Well, I've been a Cubs fan since long before the governor was a twinkle in anyone's eye, but I think that this whole arrangement stinks. But, we've been fooled before.

Remember when White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf made threats that the team might flee to Florida?

Former Gov. Jim Thompson came to his rescue with a bailout plan. He convinced the legislature to create the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority to reconstruct Comiskey Park and lease it back to the Sox.

There too, the venerable Comiskey name was changed to U.S. Cellular Field, so that name change

and a hotel tax was able to finance

So, a similar scenario is being discussed for the Cubs. In addition to not moving the Cubs from Wrigley Field, no one dare change the name of the park.

When the Wrigley family sold the park to the Chicago Tribune, the newspaper empire was wise in keeping the name Wrigley Field.

Whatever you call this scheme, it's a bailout to an investment group that doesn't need a handout.

The trend across the country is for public dollars to fund large sports stadiums, and I think that there's enough money in big-time sports that it doesn't need public as-

When you have a team like the Cubs that hasn't won a World Series for 100 years, and the worth is still nearly \$1 billion, you can expect that team shows greater promise "between the white lines," and might do even better financially.

So Blagojevich, get out from behind those closed doors trying to cut an unnecessary deal.

When you escape from those closed sessions, come out and solve the real problems of the day.

· John Matijevich writes a weekly column for the Lake County Journals.

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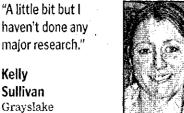


"I did because ... a whole lot more individual input is given to the process."

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'The Bucket List'

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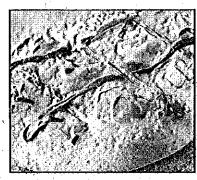
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Look forward to a rainy day

Rain barrels one way to conserve water, save money

STEELES STATES

By JESSICA JACOBSEN jjacobsen@nwnewsgroup.com

"Rain, Rain, Go Away" is not a song that some Lake County residents will sing this spring. A rain barrel program through the Lake County Forest Preserves, Stormwater Management Commission and the Soil and Water Conservation District will have residents hoping for those April showers.

Going on its second year in Lake County, the program involves 60-gallon terra cotta rain barrels that will be sold by the three organizations for \$79 beginning Jan. 14. The deadline for ordering is April 12 with Soil and Water Conservation District and Stormwater Management, according to their Web sites. The Forest Preserves ordering deadline is April 14, according to its Web site.

Anyone who is environmentally conscious [will benefit].

Mea Blauer

Resource conservationist with Soil and Water Conservation District

"We're ready if people want to start ordering," said Mea Blauer, resource conservationist with Soil and Water Conservation District.

Rain barrel pickup will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 9 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 10 at Independence Grove Forest Preserve in Libertyville.

Blauer said she bought a 50-gallon

barrel last year.
"I love it," she said. "It worked exactly how it said it would."

She uses the collected rain water

Although rain barrels are helpful for those with a green thumb, Blauer said, many people can benefit from owning them.

"Anyone who is environmentally conscious [will benefit]," she said.

Susan Vancil, public information coordinator with Stormwater Management Commission, said the rain barrels also benefit watersheds, which is an area of land where the water that is under it or drains off of it goes into the same place, according to www.epa.gov.

Rain barrels are hooked up to a downspout on the home and include two spigots. One spigot can be hooked to a hose, while the other is elevated so that it can be used for watering cans. A flex elbow and connector can be bought separately

According to the Soil and Water Conservation District Web site, 40 percent of home water consumption is residential irrigation. Using the rain barrel is one way to cut down on this water use.

Other benefits to rain barrels, according to the Web site, is that rain water is naturally softened and chlo-rine-free, which can maintain a

healthy biotic in soil. Vancil helped get the rain barrel 1,000. program started. She said the three organizations involved thought the of people," she said. program would be beneficial for Lake

Nick Spittlemeister, resource analyst with the Soil and Water Conservation District of Lake County, stands next to a rain parrel at his parents' home in Pleasant Prairie, Wis. The Soil and Water Conservation District are selling 60-gallon rain barrels for \$79. n't reached yet is businesses. **Buy a barrel**

Last year, the Forest Preserves, Stormwater Management and the Soil and Water Conservation District had a goal to sell 200 barrels, but sold 467,

ancil said. "It was so popular," she said. Vancil added that this year's goal is

We're hoping to reach out to a lot

One market that the program has-

We are open to educating any business," Vancil said.

The Land Conservancy of McHenry County also is partnering with the program this year. Its goal is 300 rain barrels, Blauer said.

Blauer said maintaining a rain barrel is fairly simple. Leaves might get caught on the mesh screen, but that is the only issue Blauer has encoun-·tered.

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The Lake County Forest Preserves: www.lcfpd.org/rainbarrels or call 847-968-3321

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INSIDE SPORTS



Kevin Kaduk

>> Views

With so much NFL, NBA and MLB success going through Boston, Northwest News Group Pro Sports columnist Kevin Kaduk writes that all of us Chicago sports fans have a little championship envy.

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>> PrepSports

One for the ages

Even with little chance of a deep tournament run, Round Lake's boys basketball team played like champions against Grant last week.

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>> QuickHitters

Athletic spotlight

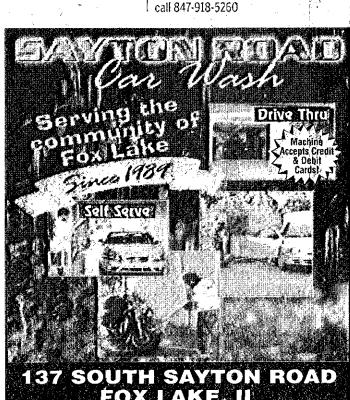
Round Lake basketball standout Labrenthia Murdock and Grant basketball standout Mike Shields have one thing in common: They just dropped some huge points on their competition.

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Fight to the finish

Round Lake's girls basketball team takes on Grant beginning at 7 p.m. Jan. 10 at Grant.



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Talented actors can't keep script of 'The Bucket List' from kicking the bucket

By JEFFREY WESTHOFF sidetracks@nwnewsgroup.com

One mark of a bad script is when dialogue sounds like actors delivering lines and not engaging in conversation.

When actors as great as Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman can't make dialogue sound natural, you know the script is subpar.

Yet, for some reason, Nicholson, Freeman and director Rob Reiner didn't recognize "The Bucket List" as a stinkeroo script.

The script is credited to Justin Zackham, and while it isn't surprising to learn this is his first produced script, it is surprising to learn the slight, artificial scenario was produced at all.

Screenwriters seldom deserve the blame for the final script - directors, stars and studio executives often mangle their work - but Zackham also gets credit as executive producer, which suggests unusual clout for a newcomer.

"Bucket List" is supposed to be an inspirational story about cancer patients facing death, as well as a funny buddy comedy/road movie.

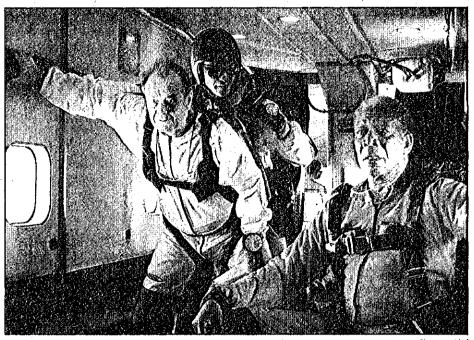
"Bucket List" is neither inspiring nor funny but it fails more as a comedy

You'll always get a modicum of inspiration out of Freeman intoning such philosophy as "You measure yourself by the people who measure themselves by you" - but only because Freeman says it. From anyone else, it would sound like convoluted twaddle.

In fact, Freeman should start turning down films narrated by his character. Ever since "The Shawshank Redemption," the most perfectly narrated film ever, too many filmmakers have taken advantage of Freeman's persuasive voice.

Freeman's character, Carter Chambers, is'a garage mechanic sharing a hospital room with Nicholson's character, billionaire Edward Cole. The script's earliest expository convulsions explain why a billionaire would be sharing a hospital room with a garage mechanic.

Carter and Edward are cancer-ward patients who learn on the same day that they have six months to live. Carter pulls out his bucket list - the things he hopes



Jack Nicholson (left) and Morgan Freeman star in "The Bucket List."

"The Bucket List"

minutes

Genre: Comedy/adventure Writer: Justin Zackham Director: Rob Reiner More information: Rated PG-13 for language, including a sexual reference; running time is 97

to accomplish before he kicks the bucket - and Edward persuades him they should run away and fulfill every expensive item

That is why Zackham had to make one of the characters a billionaire.

The quest becomes a world tour, with Carter and Edward visiting the pyramids in Egypt, the Taj Mahal, the Great Wall of China, etc. But it's painfully obvious Nicholson and Freeman never left Hollywood.

While their body doubles (seen only from the back) were filming in India and Africa, Nicholson and Freeman shot their close-ups or medium shots in studio sets that barely match the real locale.

Carter's greatest desire is to see Mount Everest, (the script implies they intend to climb it) but for some reason, the mountain's name is never uttered. Characters generally refer to it as "that magnificent mountain."

The saddest thing about "Bucket List" is its lack of personality. It resembles a studio quickie from the 1930s that could -have been directed by anyone.

"Bucket List" wants to be a life-affirm! ing tearjerker, but its sentiment is synthetic. Little of the dialogue rings true.

The characters are mouthing an agenda: "I am saying this line because the filmmakers need to fill in my back story." "I am saying this line because the filmmakers are setting up a plot point." "I am saying this line because the filmmakers want to stress the central theme."

Rarely does a character speak for the right reason: "I am saying this line because it is what I would say." But if that were the case in "The Bucket List," the characters would repeat, "None of this makes any sense, does it?"

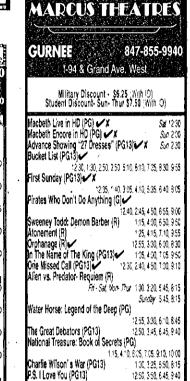
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>> OnStage

Touring Second City troupe offers a mixed bag in Arlington Heights

By TOM WITOM thomaswitom@yahoo.com

· Old-timers still fondly recall when Second City, now in its 48th year as the premiere place for comedy, operated a full-time venue in Rolling Meadows.

That venture eventually ran its course, but, occasionally Metropolis Performing Arts Centre picks up the slack by hosting a touring Second City troupe, as with "One Nation Under Blog," which is in Arlington Heights for a short run.

It's a noble effort, but not quite the same as having a dedicated company doing original revues.

The current production offers its share of laughs, but the young cast often struggles with improvisation and lacks the depth of its more seasoned brethren.

"One Nation" draws heavily on recycled skits from previous mainstage productions, so chances are anyone who is a regular at Second City's home base in Chicago has encountered the material already - and more memorably.

Familiar sketches include a bizarre Art Institute audio tour by one of the museum's attendants, an attempt by a flimsily-disguised Hillary Clinton to hire someone to make her main political rival go away and a trio of Iraqi women playing a game that reveals more about their pent-up feelings than they care to admit.

Especially enjoyable was the satiric riff on "The Putnam County Spelling Bee" and the wacky scene in a dollar store staffed by now-powerless Greek gods.

One sketch that stands out involves an unsuspecting man at a restaurant who is abruptly drawn into the company of a young woman who passes him off as her fiancé to her friends.



Brendan Dowling (seated, left), Gregory Hess, Beth Melewski (back, left) and Colleen Doyle perform a scene from Second City's "One Nation Under Blog" at Metropolis Performing Arts Centre.

As noted, the improvexercises were painful, and one sketch about a secret gay trying to out a coworker drags on too long. But others are delightful such as the strictly visual deer-in-the-headlights bit and the two couples who look for common ground after discovering they have developed dissimilar views on politics, religion and

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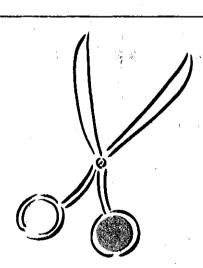
What: "One Nation Under Blog"

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When: Through Jan. 19 Tickets: \$25 (Fridays and Saturdays)

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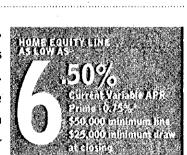


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Originally from Antioch, Donald and Margaret met, became engaged and were married in their hometown. They moved to Melbourne, Fla., in 1972.

Their children are Ann Atkins, of Melbourne, Fla.; Kenneth Andersen, of Melbourne, Fla.; Mary Palladino, of Melbourne, Fla.; Jane Cooper, of Indialantic, Fla.; and Donald Andersen Jr., of Pleasant Prairie, Wis.

Grandchildren are David Bushing, Dawn Oldenburg, Dori Hrnicar, Ken Andersen Jr., Heidi Draper, Jeff Andersen, Angela Carter, Andrea Perez, Alicia Kraner, Wende Fairchild, Amy Willemarck, Kurt Andersen, Kevin

Andersen and Kristi Portman. Great-grandchildren are Treana Bushing, Nicki Bushing, Steven Gesiakowski, Tiffany Gesłakowski, Joey Hrnicar, Joshua Hrnicar, David Hrnicar, Jacob Andersen, Noah Andersen, Rachel Andersen, Erik Andersen, Shawn Draper, Michael Schreiner, Taylor Perez, Meagan Kraner, Dylan Kraner, Nathan Kraner, Kyle Keesee, Kailey Fairchild, Alex Willemarck, Aiden Willemarck, Isabella Andersen, Bianca Andersen, Noah Portman and Adrianna Portman. One great-great-grandson is due in February.

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BYRON COLBY BARN- "Tragedy

to Triumph - The Story of Artemisia" will begin at 8 p.m. Jan. 12 at Byron Colby Barn, 1561 Jones Point Road in Grayslake. The multimedia performance piece, written by Linda M. Smith, tells the story of 17th-century painter Artemisia Gentileschi, Tickets cost \$15, For more information, call 847-543-1202, or go to. www.lindasmith.com.

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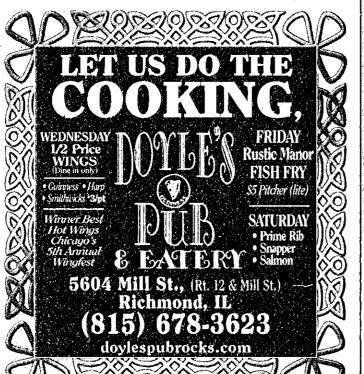
SOUNDS OF MUSIC

LAKE FOREST SYMPHONY- The Lake Forest Symphony will begin the new year with performances beginning at 8 p.m. Jan. 11 and 12 at the College of Lake County's James Lumbar Center for the Performing Arts. CLC is at 19351 W. Washington St. in Grayslake. Tickets cost \$45, \$35 and \$25, with senior and student discounts available. Tickets can be bought by calling the Lake Forest Symphony office at 847-295-2135 or going on-

www.fakeforestsymphony.org.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE- The Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Hubbard Street Dance Chicago celebrate their fifth season of collaboration with a one-night-only performance beginning at 8 p.m. Jan. 11. The performance will be at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave. in Chicago. Tickets cost \$17 to \$100 and are available by calling 312-294-3000 or going to cso.org.

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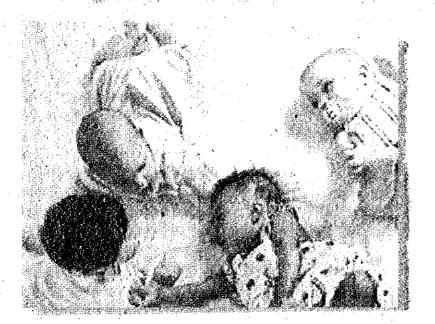
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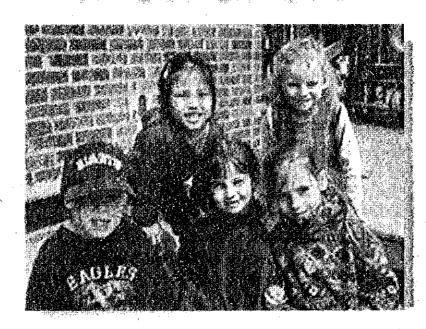


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Short Cuts to Entertaining With Style

Entertaining at home is on the rise. Where it was once trendy to go out to celebrate special occasions or just to socialize, now 80 percent of women choose to take party planning into their own hands. The simple secret? Arm yourself with insider short cuts and easy tips so you can throw a memorable get-together that is both effortless and less expensive.

Here are a few tips to turn a blase bash into a party with a

• No more "Menu Mania." Although food is often a vital part of any party, you don't need to be a gournet chef to apply for the position of host or hostess. Save time in the kitchen by taking advantage of the wide variety of prepared foods available. Dress up store-bought quickies with fresh herbs or dressings to faux a gournet feel. If you splurge on one great dish, whether it is caviar, pâté or your own signature creation, the rest can be simple and no one will notice the short cuts you took -- guaran-

Become your own bartender. Beveráges and good food go hand-in-hand. Luckily, there are ways to make drink mixing a no-brainer for amateurs. For example, Rose's Cocktail Infusions help you achieve a fun party experience that is both hassle-free and enjoyable for all. With these martini mixers, simply mix equal parts of the mixers with vodka to create drinks that are easy on the hands, eyes and taste buds. Also be sure to stock your home bar with a few "cocktail complements" like cherries, lemons, limes, fruit slices, and sugar and salt for rimming glasses; all of which can add some quick kick

to your cocktails. Small touches have a big impact. A professional party planner always knows the key to a successful party is often in the details. Create a cohesive theme at your event by color-coordinating napkins, dishes, glasses and even drinks. Deck out tables in



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coordinating colors, depending upon the season. For example, a summer table looks great layered with orange, fuchsia and cranberry. Also make sure to play around with lighting, room fragrances and music to set the right mood. For instance, if you want to throw a flesta, try using colorful paper lanterns, an exotic scent and a variety of Latin music to spice up the room. Tip: Mix up the party by using Rose's Cocktail Infusions to provide a vibrant color theme and tropical scent to

your festive drinks. • Join the party. What's the point of entertaining if you're not in on the action? Take the time to socialize with your guests. If you're the type of person who usually becomes holed up in the kitchen all night, hire one or two. **Mango Island Spritzer** Over Ice (non-alcoholic)

21/2 oz. Rose's Cocktail Infusions Mango Twist

21/2 oz. Schweppes Club Soda Shake and serve over 1/2 cup of ice.

"helping hands" who can help pass hors d'oeuvres restock snacks, and clean up after guests. This frees you up to have fun! • · Send guests home with

something special. Treat your guests to a small parting gift. This can be something as simple as a wine charm so guests can keep track of their drinks at the next party you throw; a handful of cute cookies wrapped in a theme-colored cellophane for those who "couldn't fit dessert"; or flower seeds of a fragrance infused at the party that will allow guests to fondly reminisce about your party when their flowers bloom weeks

For more tips on creating an event to remember and drink recipes, visit www.mixuptheparty.com.

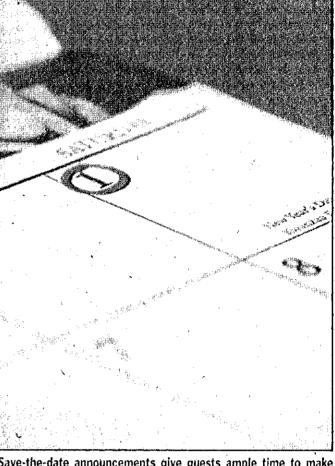
Special Touches for Savethe-Date Announcements

Wedding invitations are typically mailed out six to eight weeks prior to a wedding. In the past, this gave guests ample time to fit the wedding into their schedules. But as friends and family have become busier and more overscheduled and wedding guests are spread all across the country, save-the-date cards have grown in popularity.

There are distinct advantages to using save-the-date cards over just mailing out wedding invitations earlier. Cost is a large factor. There have been occasions where a last-minute change has to be made to the wording of an invitation, whether a clergyman must be replaced or the venue has to be changed. If invitations were mailed out early, there could be a large cost in reprinting new invitations with the correct information and subsequently resending them. Human carelessness is another factor. It's much easier for guests to misplace an invitation if they receive it far in advance of the wedding. Then they may not accurately remember ceremony and reception times and may not have the directions to the venue.

Save-the-date cards can be mailed several months in advance of a wedding. They're often used if a wedding is being held during the peak season or close to the holidays and it is anticipated that guests will have to pick and choose among events to attend. These early reminders are also useful if a destination wedding is being held, or if outof-town-guests have to make travel arrangements. Having extra notice may help them secure a discount on a flight or apply for a passport, if necessary. Some couples simply choose to send save-the-date cards just as an added announcement that the wedding will be coming and they're excited about it.

Just as wedding invitations are as varied as the couples who choose them, save-the-date cards come in a variety of styles as well. In fact, they don't have to be cards at all. Here are some



Save-the-date announcements give guests ample time to make arrangements to attend your wedding.

creative ideas to consider.

• Magnets: To help guests keep save-the-dates in a visible spot, magnets that display your photo with wedding date or some other variation are quite handy. They can be affixed to the refrigerator or another conspicuous spot for easy reference.

• Calendar: With the advent of personalized calendars you can create a keepsake item that counts down the days to the wedding. Each month can feature a different photo or inspirational quotation.

• Everyday items: Save-thedate information can be printed on bookmarks, pens, playing cards or even stick-on notepads.

• Scratch-offs: For those who enjoy the thrill of suspense,

save-the-date scratch-offs play on the public's love of lottery games. Guests get interactive action by scratching off the silver box to uncover the wedding

• Food items: Have candy bar wrappers printed with the save-the-date information and guests will be offered an added

• Use your imagination: ve-the-date information can be printed or added to anything you desire. For example, if you are planning a beach-themed wedding, glass bottles filled with colored sand can be tagged with the wedding date. For weddings around the holidays, mail out gingerbread men that announce your wedding date.



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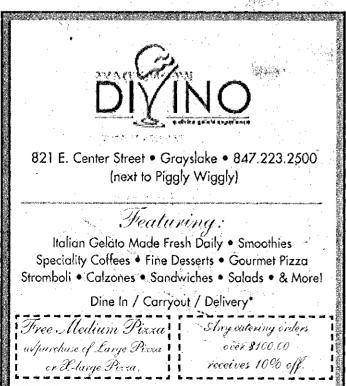
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PREP SCHEDULE: Rivalries heat up on the basketball courts and wrestling mats in Lake County. PAGE 8B

COLLEGE: Matt Schmidt, of Grayslake Central, will play baseball for Yale, while Carmel's Erin Glogovsky will play basketball for U of I Springfield. PAGE 8B

KADUK: Kevin Kaduk finds it hard to support Boston fans, especially with the state of Chicago sports. PAGE 9B

>> SideLines



Daniel J. **Patrick**

Don't be scared of the scale

We're just a couple of weeks into the new year, and for most of us, those infamous weight loss resolutions have been thrown out like empty bottles of champagne.

Fear not, fair sports fans, because many of us are in the same boat and there are a few tips out there to keep shedding the pounds.

Don't set unreachable goals

One of the biggest mistakes dieters make is shooting for the stars with diet and exercise. Remember that you won't turn into a bodybuilder after a few trips to the gym. Instead, set goals for you

Workout time

Here are some wellknown area gyms to look at:

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I know it's hard to keep work-outs going when you've just begun. It's tiring, it throws your sleep schedule out of whack, and it's downright hard. But the general consensus is if you can keep it up for three weeks straight, it becomes a habit. If that happens, you begin to crave the exercise and the pounds begin to drop off.

Instant results are a myth.

Weight loss takes time and effort. When I say time, I mean time! Don't expect there to be huge losses in the first day, week or even month of exercise. Your body has to go through major changes before you begin to shed the weight – give it the time it deserves.

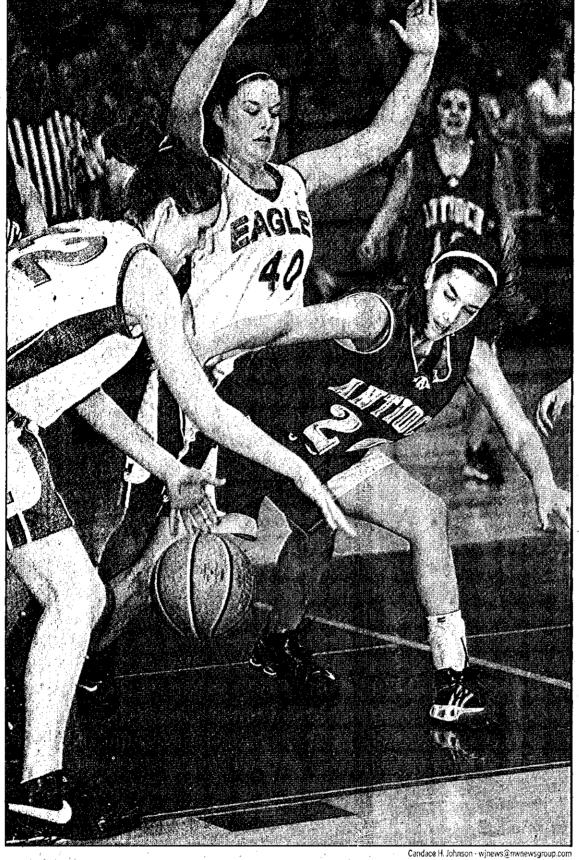
As sports fans, we can marvel (and even be discouraged) by the rippling bodies of the athletes we

But don't let those guys make you feel like there's no way to truly drop the pounds.

Remember that those guys are paid athletes who make money by keeping in shape.

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>> GirlsBasketball



Alyssa Mol. of Lakes, steals the ball from Martha Arntson, of Antioch, Lakes' Amber Larsen also is pictured. Lakes lost to drop to 0-18 on the year and have not won a game in the school's three-year varsity history.

Two sides of the spectrum

Warren, Lakes girls team share common goals

> By DANIEL J. PATRICK dpatrick@nwnewsgroup.com

What's it like to be the king among serfs? What's it like to be a serf among kings? Even with such different circumstances, Warren and Lakes girls basketball teams have more in common than most might think.

From the outside, Warren and Lakes couldn't be any more different. In more than two seasons Lakes has yet to win a game and Warren won back-to-back sectional championships.

Now, Lakes has begun yet another season winless, while Warren has lost only one game. Warren has a group of established all-stars, and Lakes is still searching for an identity.

But a desire to play is what brings them together.

Working in the face of loss

In recent weeks, Lakes' troubles have been well-documented. Even with a new coach, the Eagles are still stuck firmly at the bottom of area standings.

Some players such as veteran guard Nichola Folinazzo, have played for three straight varsity years without a win to show for it.

"I was on the varsity since my sophomore year," Folinazzo said. "We just got hammered time after time, and it was so hard."

Folinazzo's not kidding either. Some of Lakes' darkest moments include box scores like 70-20. 74-24 and even 93-20.

Because of their hard times, it has forced the Eagles to change goals.

Rather than shooting for playoff rankings or even winning seasons, it's now just for the little

Between reaching scoring goals to cutting down on turnovers, it's become less about winning and losing and more about impr on the court.

"We set goals that are attainable," Lakes coach Elizabeth Hart-Hinkle said. "We talk about what we want for each game and what we need to fix. We don't just focus on the negatives because you can't motivate your team."

See GIRLS BASKETBALL, page 12B

>> Wrestling: Warren 49, Round Lake 16

Round Lake falls victim to injuries in recent meet

By DANIÈL J. PATRICK dpatrick@nwnewsgroup.com

ROUND LAKE - It didn't take too long for Warren to show Round Lake just which team ruled the mat. After just six matches, Warren already had a 29-0 lead Jan. 5.

That's pretty much how the rest of the meet went as Warren ended up with a 49-16 win over North Suburban Conference crossover rival

Round Lake was able to get wins from Jose Jimenez (112), but the Panthers were forced to compete without last year's state qualifier Ray Bryant (152) and heavyweight Brandon

We had a lot of injuries, so that definitely hurt us," Round Lake coach John Jobst said. "We're starting to get some guys back, so we should be doing much better to close the season out."



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Warren's Edan Hernandez tries to pin Grayslake North's Chris Ponczkowski in the 112-pound weight class during Round Lake High School's Varsity Triple Dual.

For Warren, Connor Drew reached the 20-win plateau with three wins in the meet. Meanwhile, Bryce Howard, Cody Hoag and Robby Schultheis all gained wins for the victorious Blue Devils.

Warren also was able to get a 49-12 victory over Buffalo Grove along with a win over Grayslake

Wauconda Bad Mark Tournament

Although Wauconda finished last in its own Bad Mark tournament, the Bulldogs did have a dual meet win and some solid individual efforts to show for their efforts last week.

"We were disappointed with the team finish, but the younger kids are showing improvement," Wauconda assistant coach Bob Kenison said.

Team leader Scott Carlson, at 145, placed second in that weight class.

"I definitely want to go to state. I'm working on my takedowns," Carlson said.

· Reporter Steve Peterson contributed to this

QuickHitters



Murdock

Labrenthia Murdock - Round Lake

Round Lake's still on a roll, and one name that stands out for the Panthers is senior Labrenthia Murdock.

Murdock dropped 23 points on North Suburban Conference Prairie Division rival Wauconda Jan. 3.



Mike Shields

Mike Shields - Grant

The ending might not have been what Grant's Mike Shields was expecting, but that didn't tarnish his 31-point outing. Shields and the Bulldogs lost a 54-52 nail biter to Round Lake Jan. 4, but Shields' performance was Grant's silver lining.

To nominate a student athlete for Quick Hitters, please send submissions to Daniel J. Patrick at dpatrick@nwnewsgroup.com.

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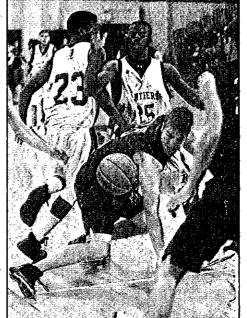
Round Lake Panthers

Grant Bulldogs

What: Girls basketball Where: Grant Community High School When: 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10

"Now, we want Grant." Those are the Round Lake girls basketball coach Gary Edge's words after his team's 14-2 overall at 4-1 North Suburban Conference Prairie Division start. But don't expect the established Bulldogs to take those words lightly as they're off to an impressive start of their own at 15-2, 5-0. This game could be a precursor to the Prairie Division championship.

Working for a win



eye on the ball as he is surrounded by Round Lake defenders during a game at Round Lake High School. Round Lake won its third game of the season 54-52. To read more about this game, see PAGE 9B.

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>>UpcomingGames Thursday, Jan. 10

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Boys Basketball

Warren at Mundelein, 7:30 p.m.

Wrestling

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Round Lake at Grant, 5:30 p.m. St. Viator at Lakes, 5:30 p.m. Huntley at Grayslake Central, 7 p.m.

Antioch at Wauconda, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 11

Boys Basketball

Antioch at Lakes, 7:30 p.m. Carmel at Joliet Catholic, 7:30

Vernon Hills at Grant, 7:30 p.m. Warren at Mundelein, 7:30 p.m. Woodstock at Grayslake

Central, 7 p.m.

Round Lake at Wauconda, 7:30 p.m.

Two area athletes verbally commit

By DANIEL J. PATRICK dpatrick@nwnewsgroup.com

Baseball and basketball might be two completely different sports, but that didn't stop two area players from committing at the same time.

Gravslake Central shortstop Matt Schmidt has committed to play for the Yale Bulldogs, while Carmel basketball center Erin Glogovsky will play for the University of Illinois-Springfield next year.

For Schmidt, it wasn't just his play that attracted Yale. He had to have the grades that came with it. With a 4.1 grade point average at Grayslake Central, Schmidt qualified for † the Ivy League's stringent standards.

"He's a tremendous defensive player," Grayslake Central coach Troy Whalen said. "Plus, he got a 31 on his ACT. Yale felt they really liked his athleticism and how he plays on the diamond. But they obviously liked how he is off the field as well.'

Don't think that his onfield credentials aren't deserving as well. Schmidt hit .410 in the leadoff spot, stole 15 bases and scored 22 runs. He also put up a .993 fielding percentage from the shortstop posi-

Springfield lies ahead

With girls basketball games and practices hanging over her head, 5-foot-11 Carmel center Erin Glogovsky made her college choice.

That choice? Glogovsky verbally committed to the University of Illinois-Springfield, a school that comin the National petes Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Carmel coach John Ryan said he wasn't surprised at Glogovsky's recruitment.

'Glogovsky's an extremely hard worker on the court, Ryan said. "She's not quite as big or as athletic as some centers out there, but she makes up for it in hard work."

>> HometownSports

Illinois HoopStars take Midwest **Invitational Tournament**

Illinois HoopStars Eighth Grade Travel Basketball Team is the 2007 AAU Boys State Champions winning the 48-team state-wide championship in June 2007. Then seventhgraders and now eighth-graders, the Illinois HoopStars have continued their winning ways with their first tournament victory of the 2007-08 Winter Travel season.

Opening up the winter travel season, the Illinois HoopStars Eighth Grade Boys went undefeated in the Midwest Invitational Tournament at the Schaumburg Sport Center Dec. 29 and Dec.

In pool play, the Illinois HoopStars had no trouble handling the Hindsdale Hoyas and Glenbrook South team with convincing victories of 20-plus points. On another note, Charles Harris, an

eighth-grader from Antioch, slammed his first dunk to help the Illinois HoopStars seal their second victory of the tournament. These two victories landed the HoopStars in the Gold Division Bracket where they continued to dominate with wins over the Downers Grove Nomads and the Western Springs Blazers.

The HoopStars' were challenged in the championship game, which was Dec. 30 against the Arlington Heights Big Dogs.

The game was close until the last seven minutes of play, when the HoopStars were able to pull away, winning the championship game 61-45.

Area team members include JoVaughn Gaines (Gurnee), Charles Harris (Antioch), Nathan Boothe (Gurnee), Darius Paul (Gurnee), Ellis Matthews (Libertyville). The team is coached by Lynda Paul.

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Owners Ray and Laurie have run the carry out restaurant for one year, but Ray said that Vaughan's has been a fixture in the Lake County area for at least a decade; "People have childhood memories about the chicken so they come

Ray explained how he has taken his expertise as a butcher for 25 years to make sure Vaughan's serves only quality meats. "We use a bigger chicken than our competitors, a three to three and one quarter pound chicken with a nice plump breast," Ray said their signature broasted chicken is fried in canola oil under high pressure for a less greasy, moist product with no

The eight-piece family special I ordered certainly did not disappoint. There was more than enough crispy, tender chicken to serve four hungry people. Add to that the side orders: generous helpings of mashed potatoes and onion rings, as well as flaky, hot biscuits.

But Vaughan's offers much more than chicken. With a smoker in house, there are a wide variety of smoked and barbecued meats to please everyone. Ray said they buy premium ribs for their barbecued ribs, and eye of the rounds for their barbecued beef. He added that their Texas style barbecued beef brisket, do" list. It's done and delicious.

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which Vaughan's smokes 16 to 18 hours, has become very popular.

The menu doesn't stop there. There are sandwiches, like pulled pork and sliced loin, buffalo wings, even seafood offerings like a battered cod dinner, along with delectable extras like broasted potato wedges loaded with cheddar cheese, bacon, and sour cream. Vaughan's also has combination meals so everyone can sample their

It's no surprise that Vaughan's does a brisk catering business, as well. "We can take orders up to 200 to 300 people," Ray noted. "And we can take weekend orders right up to Thursday." Currently Vaughan's is running a catering special that serves 50 people for only \$185.00 plus tax, or customers can select from classic buffets for as low as

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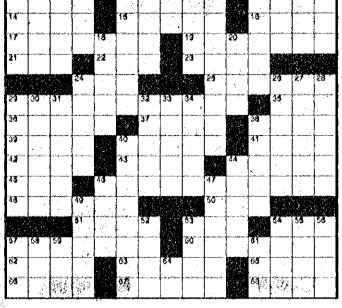
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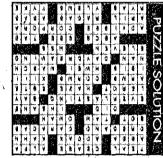
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>> Horoscope

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22/Jan. 20 Capricorn, own up to your responsibilities, or others will soon tire of keeping you afloat.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21/Feb. 18 Something is irking you, Aquarius, and until you figure it out, your entire life will be off balance.

PISCES - Feb. 19/March 20 Pisces, revisit some of the decisions you've made lately. In this new light, you will find that not all of them were prudent.

ARIES - March 21/April 20

Aries, you learn a lesson this week, and it boosts your resolve to secure your future. Remarkable things happen to you as a result.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21 Your patience is waning, Taurus, but you will

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have to hold out a little longer, as a family member approaches you for help.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21 A heated discussion leads to some bruised egos, Gernini, Distance yourself.

CANCER - June 22/July 22 Cancer, now is not the time to make changes with regard to your career,

LEO - July 23/Aug. 23 There is magic in everything you touch this week, Leo.

VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22 Conflicts on the home front come to a head this

LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23 Libra, take your time with a relationship that is building. This one needs more tending.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22 Scorpio, now is not the time to get weak in the knees. Dedication and strength is needed to help you pull through some trying days ahead.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23/Dec. 21 Say what you will about your friends, but they really are the cream of the crop, Sagittarius.

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Jana **Thompson**

Clearing the smoke

I've been meaning to call a certain family member and ask her how she's been affected by the new smoking ban in Illinois.

Undoubtedly, she's either wrapped in a beach towelsized nicotine patch or hiding in her apartment, stroking her ashtray.

I hope for the former. She's made many valiant efforts.

And this isn't coming from an uppity, non-smoking goodygoody, who won't cop to having bad habits. I used to smoke. A lot. Like a chimney. Like an oil slick hit by an asteroid.

Of course, I'm quick to point out that my new bad habits don't cause cancer from second-hand smoke. And that is a very good reason for Illinois to ban smoking.

I had my first cigarette during-of all times-a church mission trip when I was 15 years old. Another church's minister from another state apparently thought it was OK to give carcinogens to teens.

It tasted horrible. I was nauseated. But, hey, sometimes you have to suffer for your art.

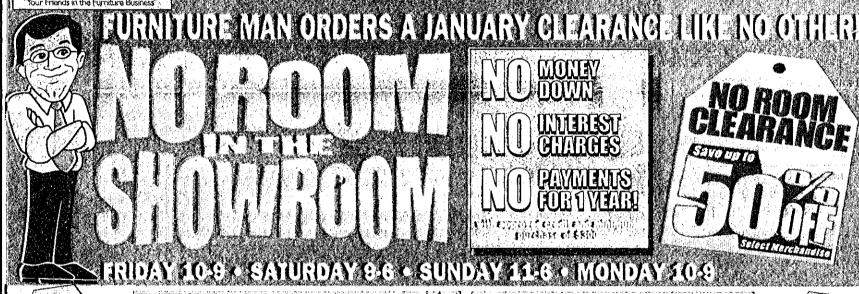
I didn't really pick up the habit until college, when I met a friend who chain-smoked

A moment of clarity came when I was moving into my college apartment my sénior year. I had an epic case of bronchitis, and I hauled my TV up three flights of stairs. I dropped it in the living room so I could gasp like a fish on the floor. A party raged next door all night as I coughed in my sickbed.

Everybody who has smoked before does secretly miss it. There are times when I think something's missing. At least it's not my ability,

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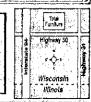
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>> Boys Basketball: Round Lake 54, Grant 52

Round Lake gets a confidence booster

Panthers defeat conference rival Grant

By STEVE PETERSON speterson@nwnewsgroup.com

ROUND LAKE - Round Lake's basketball team got a shot in the confidence department as the Panthers rallied to beat rival Grant Jan. 4.

The Panthers gained their third win of the year and second in a row as they beat Grant in a 54-52 barnburner. Heroes for the 3-11, 1-3 North Conference Suburban Prairie Division Panthers were Vernon Randolph with 17 points and Jerome Brown with 13 points.

Senior standout Mike Shields led Grant's effort with 31 points.

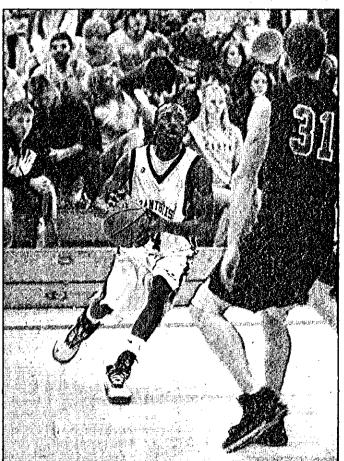
"It was a disappointing performance. It was uncharacteristic of a Grant team to have a 10-point fourth quarter lead and fail to close it out," Grant coach Phil Ralston said. "It was bad decision-making on offense and defense."

Overall, the Bulldogs were plagued by poor shooting from the free-throw line. By the end, Grant shot 5-of-13 from the line.

'We missed a lot of frontends of one-and-ones, and that is like going 0-2,' Ralston said.

Randolph and Brown led the way in the waning moments for Round Lake, as they did the week before at Grant Holiday Tournament. Grant (9-5, 2-3) had a last-gasp shot, but missed.

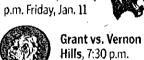
'We definitely struggled the first half of the year, but this should give us a lot of



Candace H. Johnson - winews@nwnewsgroup.com Round Lake's Vernon Randolph looks to pass the ball as Marc Grischeau, of Grant, tries to defend him. Round Lake won its third game of the season against Grant 54-52.

Up Next

Round Lake at Wauconda, 7:30





to work the clock, have good possessions, and a chance to win," Round Lake coach confidence. We just wanted Jeremy Fisher said. "We did a great job of keeping our composure in the fourth quarter."

Jeff Nicoline led the Panthers comeback with two three-point baskets.

Grant (9-5, 2-3) looked to back, bounce against McHenry Jan. 8.

Results were not ready at press time.

The Bulldogs will then host Vernon Hills Friday. Jan. 11. Round Lake will be at Wauconda Jan. 11.

>> Views

It's hard for Chicago sports fans to be happy for Boston

A friend called the other day. Because he's from Boston, we call him Beantown Brian.

Anyway, you never will guess what Brian wanted to talk about.

"The Patriots, baby!" he yelled, splitting my eardrum in the process. "Best football team of all time. Not even the commissioner can keep them off national TV. Making history at 16-0! Can you believe

I tried to say something, but was quickly cut off.

"The Celtics, baby!" he continued, neglecting to skip a beat. "Best record in the NBA! KG, Ray and Paul! Yes sir. Beantown basketball is back in business!

"And the Red Sox, baby! Don't forget about the Red Sox because we sure haven't! Two World Series titles in four seasons and now we're in the hunt for Johan Santana! They're going to be a dynasty, just like the Pats!

"16-0! Can you believe it?" I waited for Brian to stop,

and finally he did. I paused, just to make sure he was done.

"Yeah, well what was the final score of Super Bowl XX?" I asked.

Brian scoffed. "What does that have to do with anything?" he asked.

"Nothing," I said. Look, I told Brian, everyone across the country is aware of the unprecedented

dice roll that Boston is enjoying these days. In fact, you can't turn on any TV or visit any newsstand without seeing a New England sports star looking

back at you. Sports Illustrated came in the mail this week and the cover editors had made Bill Belichick look like Santa



Kevin Kaduk

Claus, just like that old classic Esquire cover on which Sonny Liston is wearing a Santa hat.

And, I continued, we can all understand why your region is so excited. Everyone wants all of their teams to win all of the time. For some reason, it's happening in Boston. You have every right to celebrate.

But at the same time, it's always hard to enjoy your neighbor's new Mercedes when you keep seeing it after bringing your own beater back into the shop. We can only smile so much at your good fortune before breaking down inside.

Here in Chicago, I told Brian, reasons to be optimistic are about as rare as a 60-degree day on New Year's

Yes, Illinois was in the Rose Bowl and the Blackhawks are looking resurgent at the United Center. But if we're being honest with ourselves, those teams are just the life preservers we're clutching in icy waters.

We're thankful to have them, but we're still freezing.

It's clear that while your teams are excelling along the Freedom Trail, our squads here in the Windy City are going the opposite direction. After a Super Bowl season, the Bears fell from their lofty perch and are looking at a rebuilding project.

However, beating the Saints in the final week,

caused an important first round draft pick to plummet to No. 14.

It's just as bad elsewhere. Over at the United Center. the Bulls have left their path to the Eastern Conference finals and now are headed by an interim coach.

Spring training starts soon, but the Cubs are about to go an entire century without a World Series title, and the unimproved White Sox are primed for a 70-win sea-

Heck, we can't even watch most of a mediocre Big Ten basketball season because of some stupid fight between the conference and Comcast.

At this point, Brian interrupted.

"Hey, I feel your guys' pain, I truly do," he said. 'But can't you at least appreciate what's happening here out East? Can't you appreciate that this may never happen in any city ever again?"

"Oh, I can appreciate it," I told him. "I'm just telling you that no one else is interested; in celebrating with you. Don't save any room at the victory parade."

"You mean victory parades," he said.

"Whatever," I said. "Look, I gotta go. I'd say to make sure to videotape the whole thing for posterity, but knowing you're a disciple of Belichick, I'm sure you already have that covered."

"Jealous?" Brian asked. 'Bitter?"

"Maybe just a little of both."

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> We also offer full service installation," Hodgins said. "I'm very hands-on, so I personally sell, measure, and deliver with my

own hands." He added, "We tear out old countertops, install the new countertops along with sinks, and even do tile work, or electrical work." Jack said his brothers work with him in this family business, and that they have expertise

"We make the customer a prisaid. As a result, he noted that

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even installed countertops for three generations of one family."

Jack remarked that big home improvement stores couldn't offer the personalized service or attention to detail of H & A Designer, "I believe I stand out from the competition because I'm a master at what I do - a master craftsman." Hodgins ority, so we don't skimp," Jack / encourages customers to phone for an appointment so that he can they get a lot of referrals, "We show them his custom work.

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fessionals (once called "DINKS" short for "Double Income, No Kids") have several things in common when it comes to home choices. For instance, both may love luxury housing, but neither want nor need a lot of land on which to put it. In short, they are both perfectly suited for a luxury condominium.

It is no surprise, therefore, that a majority of the buyers seen by Weiss Development Corp. at its two communities in the northern suburbs are either moving out of their single-family homes, moving up from simpler residences, or are - as Helen Weiss, vice president of the company, describes them, - "move-over" buyers.

"It's certainly not move-down, given the spacious layouts and luxurious features," she said, "but buyers coming from large, family-



River's Edge

based single-family homes are definitely opting for housing arrangements with a beautiful setting that somebody else main-

The first of the two current Weiss communities offering these benefits is River's Edge, with 80 residences in two five-story buildings on five acres in the southeast corner of Vernon Hills, bordering Lincolnshire. Six bedroom/two-bath plans and one. three-bedroom/2% bath design are still available (some with addi-

tional dens or formal dining rooms, all with large private balconies and either one or two parking garage spaces), ranging notice).

Village Green, 62 residences

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within a four-story building in that town's exciting downtown district. Its seven floor plans range in size from 1,784 to 3,200 square feet (balconies not included), and in price from \$418,000 to \$934,000. Several of the residences will feature front porches, allowing private entries; others will have private rooftop decks with up to 400 square feet of outdoor space; and penthouse units will have volume ceilings, skylights and wraparound balconies (per plan).

"Baby Boomers are just now reaching semi-retirement age," noted Weiss. "They've raised a family, they've made a career. Now they feel they have earned all of the comfort and luxury that they are choosing and enjoying." At least one distinct pattern has emerged, however - this generation of empty nesters and young professionals wants a no-maintenance lifestyle. "They would instead prefer to concentrate, first, on what's inside the home."

To that end, Weiss offers kitchens with wood flooring, granite countertops, Shiloh wall cabinets in a variety of stain and glaze options, JennAir brand gas ranges, dishwashers, built-in microwave ovens and side-by-side refrigerators with ice and water and Kohler double-bowl stainless

Master bedroom suites feature two walk-in closets and a luxury bath with 34-inch adult height cabinetry, porcelain tile flooring and separate Kohler soaking tubs and oversized showers, as well as Corian or Terrazo marble vanity tops; mirrored medicine cabinets and vanity mirrors. Many of the floor plans have large laundry/utility rooms with laundry tubs and additional storage

Other interior appointments at River's Edge include computerfriendly "I-Net" stations - with prewired R-6 coaxial cable and Category 5E multi-line telephone outlets - in most residences, as Club rooms, offering residents an transom lights to capture the views, solid raised-panel interior doors with stainless steel hardware, wood flooring in the foyer and excellent construction qual-

the intimacy of two separate endispensers, KitchenAid disposals, trances, each with its own elegantly furnished lobby, and three elevators (two passenger, one service), as well as a Resident's Club Room with a hospitality kitchen, large-screen television and surround sound. Other building amenities include closed-circuit security access, a fitness room, bicycle room, individual storage lockers and 114 spaces in its parking garage.

Weiss has not forgotten the outdoors, however. "You never just buy a home - you are also purchasing its setting. You can't have one without the other," she said. At Lincolnshire Place, that begins with the Infinity Terrace, a new feature set adjacent to the building's exercise and Resident's

well as expansive windows with outdoor fireplace and professional-grade grill, as well as a southeast view of ponds, wetlands, woods and an infinity-edge reflecting pool.

At River's Edge, the Arts & Crafts architecture blends easily Lincolnshire Place with feature into the north end of the Half Day

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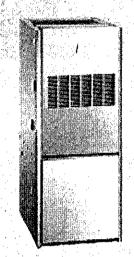
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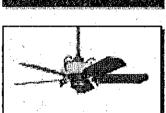








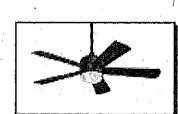
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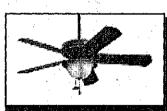
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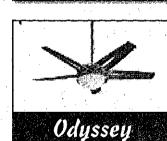
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Lakes, Warren look to prove themselves

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For Lakes' players, their motivation comes from the desire to prove everyone wrong.

With the dubious consecutive loss record, now the athletes want to finally shed that legacy once and for all.

"We want to show the school that we're worth something," said Keisha Cunningham, Lakes player. "Having no support from our classmates hurts, but it's going to be sweet when we finally get that win."

Victory motivation

In Gurnee, it's been a dif-ferent ride for Warren

With three straight sectional titles, 28-plus wins in each season, the goals are much different for the Blue Devils.

Rather than motivating themselves in the face of loss, Warren players have to motiyate themselves despite consistent winning.

"That's just human nature to overlook opponents that you think you can beat." Warren coach. Stanczykiewicz said. "We have to work against that sort of complacency.'

Stanczykiewicz isn't the only one working to keep success.

Much has been done to keep his players from acting like they're better than their opponents.

"It's kind of hard to keep motivated when we know that we're going to beat everyone in our conference," Warren senior Lory Shaw said. "But what helps is that we know that we're going to get everyone's best.

"Everybody talks about beating you. Everybody circles you on the calendar. That's really motivating because we want to show everyone that we deserve to be where we are."

Despite the differences in how things have gone for both teams, they both have one common denominator: "Us

Versus the World." "They play with a bit of a chip on their shoulders beause we didn't get the attention at the beginning of the season," Stanczykiewicz said. "Because they were overlooked, they're able to come out motivated because they want to prove everybody wrong.'

Common denominator

"Proving everybody wrong," how can two teams with such different paths have such a common goal?

Because even at two sides of the spectrum of success, all of them are competitors.

"We just try to show them what we have, no matter what's on the board," Folinazzo said. "We just play." Blue Devil Shaw couldn't

have said it any better herself. Before games, our coach

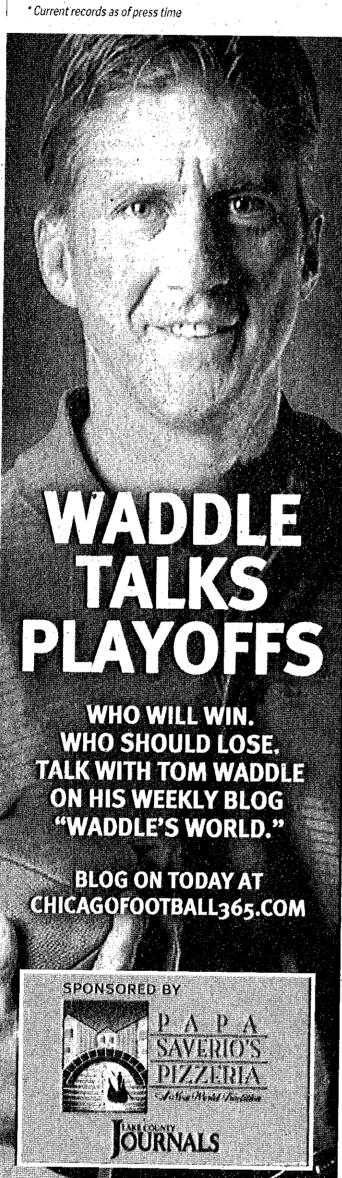
always tells us 'put your capes away, we don't need Supergirl out there.

'We just have to go out and play.

A tale of two teams

Since Lakes started competing at the varsity level during the 2005-06 season, the Eagles and Warren have had very different runs. Just how different? Check out their season stats to find out.

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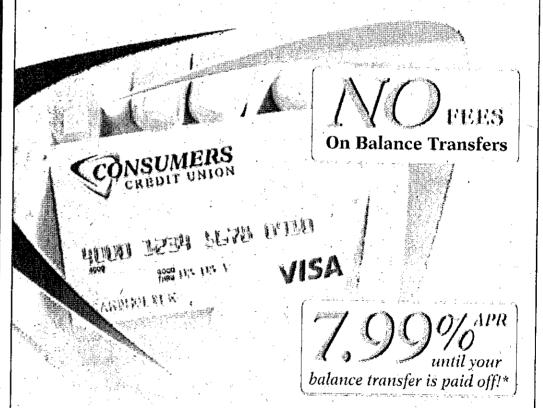
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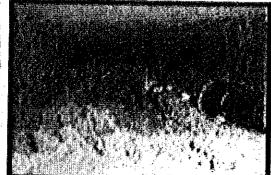
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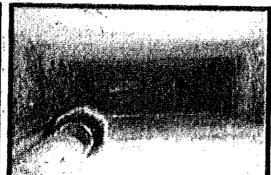
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